



## **RYA Powerboat Level 2**

### **Course Details & Joining Instructions**

**Course details:** The course is predominantly a practical course and will include teaching on boat handling, seamanship, pilotage and navigation up to the standards required to drive a planning powerboat safely by day in coastal waters. The Powerboat Level 2 course can also be used to obtain a commercial endorsement on certain MCA codes of practice allowing the certificate holder to skipper a small commercial vessel.

**What you will learn:** Close quarter boat handling, high speed manoeuvres, man overboard recovery, IRPCS collision regulations, securing to a mooring buoy, anchoring, leaving and coming alongside a pontoon.

**Assumed knowledge:** None. May be preceded by Level 1.

**Duration:** 2 days.

**Minimum Age:** 12. Candidates under the age of 16 will be issued with an endorsed certificate.

**Qualification:** Following the course you will be a self-sufficient powerboater in the right conditions, aware of your own limitations and those of your craft. A commercial endorsement can be added to this certificate.

**Suitable for:** Adults and children who use/or wish to use boats. It will show you how to operate your boat efficiently and safely. Ideal gift for special occasions.

**What's included:**

- 2 days use of the Starfish Enterprise, our Redbay Stormforce 7.4m
- Maximum of 3 students
- 2 days of instruction
- Fuel
- Lifejacket
- Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits throughout the course
- RYA Powerboat Handbook
- RYA Powerboat Logbook (if required)

**What to bring with you:**

- Appropriate clothing for the weather. See clothing section below.
- Any medication you may need
- Passport size photo
- If you have the RYA Powerboat Logbook, please bring it with you
- Packed lunch (or you can visit Holy Loch Café in the marina)

**Timings:** Day 1 - 9am – 5pm  
Day 2 - 9am - 5pm

**Location:** Wreckspeditions, Unit 2b, Holy Loch Marina, Sandbank, Dunoon, PA23 8FE

**Certificates:** On successful completion of the course, you will be issued with a Powerboat Level 2 Course completion certificate. Please can you bring a passport size photo with you.

**Clothing:** Lifejackets are available for use during the course but please make sure you bring the correct clothing for the expected weather, including wet weather gear. A warm jumper, gloves and a hat are always handy to have.

**Accommodation:** The course is non-residential. However, if you would like to stay near the training centre overnight, take a look at our website to find accommodation nearby. Some providers offer our customers discounts and these have been highlighted on the map. <https://www.wreckspeditions.com/dunoon-guide>

**Cancellation policy:** A full refund will be given if the booking is cancelled more than 4 weeks in advance. If cancelling within 4 weeks of the course start date, the full course balance will be payable. Please refer to our full terms and conditions. <https://www.wreckspeditions.com/terms-conditions>

**Complaints:** We hope you have no cause to make a complaint during your course, however if you feel unsatisfied with the training or the service you have received in anyway, then please follow the procedure below:

1. Speak to the instructor or skipper who is involved in the complaint. If you are not satisfied with the outcome, then;
2. Jason Coles, Director and Principal will arrange to speak to you privately. If you are still not satisfied with the outcome, then;
3. Claire Hallybone is a director who is not involved with the day to day running of the business and therefore remains impartial. Claire will arrange a suitable time to meet or speak with you.

## Example Course Plan

### Day 1

- 0900 - Students arrive and check in.
- 0915 – Welcome, safety brief, issue of wet weather gear (if required) and course notes/books.
- 0930 – Students taken down to rhib for craft familiarisation. Instructor's safety briefing and familiarisation talk to include the importance of the kill chord and correct stowage of equipment. Vessel check sheets will be handed out to students. Tasks will involve finding all safety equipment, checking engine, starting engine, batteries, fuel tank and fuelling procedures, and other items. Run through checks to be completed prior to departure.
- 1015 – Back in classroom. Lesson explaining the use of the trailer to launch and recover the rhib including consideration of slipway type and hazards. Look around marina at various types of trailer with different winch setups, rollers, skis etc an look at marina slipway, discuss launching/recovery here.
- Run through the vessel safety equipment checked earlier as to how they are used and maintained.

- 1130 - Practice some basic manoeuvres outside of the marina such as departing and coming alongside a pontoon taking into account tidal stream and wind direction, picking up a mooring buoy and attaching, stemming the tide. Understand the importance of having an awareness of other water users.
- 1300 Lunch.
- 1400 Continue boat handling including turning in a confined area, out with the marina. More practise on how to secure to a mooring buoy including approach angle, crew communication and other slow speed manoeuvres.
- 1500 – Break.
- 1520 - Go out to practice and learn some planing speed manoeuvres such as S and U turns. Understand the use of trim for different speeds and sea conditions, checks before manoeuvring.
- 1630 – Back to classroom to learn how to anchor including what makes a good anchorage, types of anchor, stowage and attachment to the boat, required depth of water, holding ground, method of approach in various conditions of wind and tide, preparation of the anchor, chain and warp. Learn how to weigh anchor.
- 1700 - Q&A and finish for the day.

## **Day 2**

- 0900 - Classroom session covering how to plan a short trip. This will include weather information and its sources, tidal information and navigational information from charts and almanacs. Plan a short trip as a group. Time will also be spent looking at different types of craft and hull forms and the effect this has on handling. Discussion about the different types of engines and drives including their advantages and disadvantages
- 1100 - Carry out pre planned trip. Focus on working as a team throughout and good communication. Practise anchoring in different areas.
- 1200 - Return to the marina for lunch. Over lunch there will be a discussion about GPS, how to tow or be taken in tow,
- 1300 - Discussion about man Overboard exercise and procedures such as use of the VHF, marking an MOB on the chart plotter, approach options and recovery methods.
- 1330 - Head out into the loch and practice Man Overboard.. Each student practices the MOB procedures in each position.
- 1500 – Short Break
- 1515 - Finish with some more close quarters handling, this time within the marina, followed by some more planning speed handling and recovery of MOB.
- 1700 - Debrief and issue of certificates, feedback forms and AOB.