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Thank you for booking your RYA Coastal/Yachtmaster Theory Course with the Metropolitan Police Sailing Club.

Below are your joining instructions and course information. Should you have any further question or enquiries please contact your instructor or the clubline.

Features of Course

This is an advanced shore-based course, the aim of which is to equip a skipper to navigate safely during coastal and offshore passages.

The course devotes some revision time to the basics but covers:

- Advanced navigation techniques
- Position fixing,
- Course shaping and plotting,
- Tidal knowledge
- Use of almanacs, admiralty publications and electronic position finding equipment.

The advanced meteorology tuition includes the taking and interpretation of forecasts, plotting of weather systems and weather predictions using barometer and observation.

Students are shown how to use this information when planning and executing passage plans. The course also covers customs and excise regulations for going to and returning from abroad.

The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS) are also dealt with in great detail.

During the course students sit three exams. Successful students will be awarded the RYA Coastal Skipper and Yachtmaster Theory Certificate.

This is an internationally recognised qualification that will assist you in any practical RYA Course of the future.

Pre Course Knowledge

It will be assumed that your Knowledge at the beginning of the course is equivalent to the Day Skipper Theory course. Navigation to Day Skipper standard and some practical experience is recommended.

Time & Date

Course Dates:

Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th January 2017

Saturday 21st - Sunday 22nd February 2017

Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th February 2017

0900- 1700

Please call your instructor if you are running late

Venue

Imber Court, Ember Lane, East Molesey,nr Esher, Surrey KT8 0BT

Parking

Parking is free in the car park.

Directions

From the South East: Exit the M25 at Junction 9 and take the A244 through Oxshott to Esher. In Esher turn right on to the Portsmouth Road A307 (at the Bear pub) Travel through Esher past Sandown Racecourse. *At the traffic lights beside Café Rouge turn left into Station Road. Continue along Station Road, which becomes Ember Lane. For the main Clubhouse follow Ember Lane until you can see the Clubhouse and grounds. The Clubhouse entrance is opposite the junction with Ember Court Road.

From the South West: Exit the M25 at Junction 10 and take the A3 north towards London. Exit at the next junction turning right onto the A245 towards Cobham. At the 2nd roundabout fork left onto the A307 towards Esher. Travel through Esher centre passing Sandown Racecourse on your left. Now follow directions from * above.

You Provide

1. A notebook and pens to make notes along with 2b pencils and a rubber for chart work
2. A set of marine dividers (at least 8inch) of a type with tightening screw,
3. A Portland Course Plotter or other Course Plotter

Qualification

Successful candidates will be awarded an RYA Coastal / Yachtmaster Offshore Shorebased Certificate

Reading List

It is highly recommended that you purchase or have access to the books below (or similar) as they will considerably assist with the course:

- A Seaman's guide to the Rule of the Road is a thick A5 size book used by the Navy, published by Morgans Technical Books Ltd. Ideal self teaching book for the Col Regs.
- RYA Weather Handbook written by Chris Tibbs.
- RYA Navigation Handbook written by Tim Bartlett.

Books can be obtained through the RYA or any good chandlers/website.

Hope not too much reading for you. Good Luck and enjoy the course.

Kind regards

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