

# RYA Day Skipper



The RYA Day Skipper practical course is ideal for those who want to improve their skills, expand their knowledge and gain experience in order to be able to skipper a yacht safely with confidence in familiar waters by day. At the end of this course you will be able to skipper a yacht in short passages. This course is more intense than the Competent Crew course as we will go deeper on all of the aspects of the Day Skipper theory and we will transfer everything you learned on the theory course into practice. We will work on yacht handling techniques under sail and power and we will develop together your

skippering skills. During the week you will prepare passage plans, you will navigate, you will organize a night sail and you will be in charge at times in order to gain experience as a skipper.

## The Weekly Schedule

- The tuition yachts are ready for accommodation by Sunday midday.
- On day one you will join the yacht and you will meet the rest of the crew and your instructor. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed and briefed by your instructor about the basics regards the yacht and the surroundings. Once everyone has arrived we will have the chance to discuss the course and the plan for the week.
- On Sunday afternoon the Day Skipper and the Coastal skipper candidates will have the chance to revise the theory and the competent crew candidates to familiarise themselves with the yacht and her equipment.
- The course starts on Monday morning from our base in Lefkas (Sivota Bay) and finishes on Friday afternoon. We have a fun morning on Saturday and around noon we return to our base.
- During your training, you will sail a minimum distance of 100NM around the islands of the Ionian and you will visit the most interesting and beautiful ports of the area.
- On our daily routine, we will have lunch and swim stops in one of the most idyllic bays of the Ionian islands and we will spend the night in a different destination at a time, where you will have the chance to explore the local culture and cuisine of Lefkada, Kefalonia, and Ithaca.
- The yachts for Private Tuition are ready for accommodation by Sunday midday, the course starts on Monday and finishes on Saturday at noon back in our base.
- By Sunday 09.00 we will have to leave the yachts for our base crew to get them ready for the next group.

## About the Certificate

The RYA Day Skipper certificate is the minimum accepted certificate by most authorities worldwide to charter a yacht. In addition, the holders of an RYA Day Skipper certificate can apply to the RYA for an **ICC ( International Certificate of Competence )** which is an internationally recognized qualification.

The participants of the RYA Skipper practical course are expected to have the required level of theory knowledge ( Day Skipper theory level ). This 6-day practical course includes lots of navigation, chart work, and sailing and therefore there is not enough time for the instructor to teach theory from scratch. Your instructor though will coach and guide you to fill any gaps you have in theory and navigation.

Pre-Course  
Experience

- 5 days
- 100 miles
- 4 night hours

Assumed Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competent crew level skills &amp; experience</li> <li>• Day Skipper level theory knowledge (we strongly recommend that you do the Day Skipper theory course before the practical. This can be done online or in a classroom)</li> </ul>
Duration	5 days training + 1 extra day on board
Minimum Recommended Age	16
Students - Instructor Ratio	5:1 maximum
Course Syllabus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation for sea</li> <li>• Deck work</li> <li>• Navigation</li> <li>• Pilotage</li> <li>• Meteorology</li> <li>• Rules of the road</li> <li>• Maintenance and repair work</li> <li>• Engines</li> <li>• Victualing</li> <li>• Emergency situations</li> <li>• Yacht handling under power</li> <li>• Yacht handling under sail</li> <li>• Passage making</li> <li>• Night cruising</li> </ul>
After the Course Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 days on board</li> <li>• Minimum 100 N.M</li> <li>• 4 hrs night sail</li> <li>• Ability to skipper a yacht in short passages</li> </ul>
Certificate Granted (upon successful completion)	RYA Day Skipper Certificate

## INDIVIDUALS

Join our tuition yacht together with other students and learn how to sail in the Ionian combing training with holidays. You will share the yacht with maximum another 4 students plus the

instructor. Provisions for breakfast and lunch as well all the expenses of the yacht are included in the price. Accommodation may be shared and salon berths may be used.

Price for individuals *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low season 990 €</li> <li>• Mid season 1090 €</li> <li>• High season 1190 €</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">*Plus 50% for single cabin use</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">** Plus 290€ for the RYA Day Skipper Online Theory Course</li> </ul>
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Included in the price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training by certified &amp; experienced RYA instructors</li> <li>• RYA Day Skipper Practical Course Handbook</li> <li>• Provisions for breakfast, snacks and lunch on board</li> <li>• Soft drinks</li> <li>• Fuel, gas, water</li> <li>• Bed linen &amp; towels</li> <li>• Available course material</li> <li>• Wi-Fi unlimited internet (speed depending on mobile signal quality)</li> <li>• V.A.T</li> </ul>
Not included in the price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of drinks &amp; meals ashore</li> <li>• Cost of transfers and flights to / from our base</li> </ul>

## PRIVATE TUITION

For small groups of friends and families who want to learn how to sail together the option of a private tuition is ideal as you won't share the yacht with someone else except your instructor. Charter a coded vessel from our fleet considering a cabin for your instructor and combine training with holidays. (fuel, provisions, the cost of the instructor's meals and mooring fees are not included in the price)

Price for private tuition **	<p><b>Bavaria 39:</b> Low 4400 € / Mid 5000 € / High 5200 €</p> <p><b>Dufour 390:</b> Low 5900 € / Mid 6400 € / High 6900 €</p> <p><b>Beneteau First 45F5:</b> Low 4600 € / Mid 5200 € / High 5400 €</p> <p><b>Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 49:</b> Low 5700 € / Mid 6200 € / High 6700 €</p> <p>* RYA Day Skipper Online Theory Course 290€ / Student</p>
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Low season	Before 19 May & After 29 Sept
Mid-season	19 May to 30 June & 1 to 29 Sept
High season	30 June to 1 Sept

## NEXT STEPS

The Day Skipper course is the first training course you can attend in order to skipper a yacht. Expanding your knowledge and gaining experience in the world of yachting is a nonstop procedure. After you have gained adequate experience as a Day Skipper the next step is usually the RYA Coastal Skipper course which is the stepping stone for attending a Yachtmaster Coastal or offshore preparation and exam in order to gain your professional qualifications. After the course you will be given an individual full debrief from your instructor who will advise you on the next steps.

## Highlights

- Ideal for those who want to become skippers
- Improve skills, gain experience, expand knowledge
- Day Skipper certificate holders can apply for an ICC
- Students – instructor ratio 5:1
- Minimum of 100 N.M
- Minimum of 6 Ionian destinations
- 4 hours night sail
- Crystal clear water anchorages
- Local cuisine & culture
- Combine training with holidays
- You will need to bring a passport sized photo