



## RYA POWERBOAT TRAINERS COURSE

### Notes for Applicants

Powerboat Trainers are the cornerstone of the RYA Powerboat scheme. Their role is primarily the training of new Powerboat Instructors who will teach Level 1, 2 and Safety Boat. Additionally you will be involved with the training of Advanced Powerboat Instructors, so before coming on the Trainer's course you must be an Advanced Instructor, with experience of running the Advanced course.

To be a Trainer you need to be a good instructor with a thorough knowledge of all aspects of practical boat handling and a sound shore based knowledge. The level of theory knowledge required is Day Skipper Shorebased, but I would suggest that this is the minimum you will require as students always tend to ask questions beyond this standard. Your night time navigation should be to the standard of finding unlit marks at night using a variety of methods e.g. bearings, depth, transits, distance run, time elapsed etc. Thinking through the dangers and having a back up plan are important.

Safety boat skills are needed to teach rescue techniques for windsurfers, kayaks and dinghies (both traditional and modern with asymmetric spinnakers). We will cover some detail on the course. It is recommended that you hold the safety boat certificate and have had some experience of teaching it.

Please could you ensure that you bring your G20, G19, First Aid Certificate and RYA membership card if applicable.

The powerboat scheme's certificates can be endorsed either 'planing' or displacement', so we will arrange a variety of craft for you to practise in.

One of the key areas that Trainers can make a significant difference in is teaching the ability to debrief, so think carefully about how different people react to what you are explaining and how constructive criticism can be given without being negative or causing offence.

If you have any queries about the course, please do get in touch.

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