



Conversion of non-tidal Day Skipper & Coastal Skipper Certificates

The present way to convert a Day Skipper or Coastal Skipper non-tidal certificate to a tidal certificate is to re-do the course in its entirety in Tidal Waters.

At the various RYA Yachtmaster® Instructor conferences around UK and Europe this last year, we discussed possible conversion alternatives. The instructors and principals think that a shorter conversion is possible. Many possible time frames were voiced from four hours to three days.

The G15 and G18 (Cruising Logbooks) will be amended along the following lines;

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The G27 (Instructor Handbook) will be amended along the following lines;

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Although not an exhaustive list, Instructors should concentrate on the following;

Close quarters handling under power and sail (if applicable)

Navigation and pilotage using tidal calculations

Using tidal heights and tidal streams

Working out course to steer to allow for tidal stream, leeway and drift

Mileage and tidal experience for Certificates of Competence do not change.