

# Cruising Instructor training

Following consideration by the RYA's Training Committee and discussion with the MLA and a selection of instructor trainers and RYA training centres, a few changes will be made to the system for training and updating Cruising Instructors (CI).

We are keen to ensure a consistently high level of CI training. The changes shown below should help to provide a more uniform structure for the training, and mean that instructor candidates and, in turn, their students get a better deal from the qualification.

## From January 1, 2009

The RYA will update all existing CIs whose certificates are due to expire. Check your certificate and apply for an update if necessary.

CI courses may continue to be run by training centres, but more thorough reports will be required from the trainer on the performance

of candidates during the course and assessment. The CI report forms will be available from the instructor resources area of the RYA website. In line with other instructor certificates, a fee will be payable for the CI endorsement to non-RYA members.

CI courses should be run by experienced Yachtmaster® instructors. Criteria for the experience of the instructor to be able to run this course is available on the back of the CI report form and on the RYA website.

## In the next few years

A system may be put in place to train specialist RYA trainers, who could run all CI courses for centres. Alternatively, these trainers could moderate courses run by experienced instructors at training centres, and run CI updates.

These 'broad brush' decisions need fine tuning and, once a workable



solution is agreed, they will be timetabled to give enough time for training centres to adopt them.

Email [training@rya.org.uk](mailto:training@rya.org.uk) for CI course dates and application forms.