



ROYAL YACHTING ASSOCIATION LEVEL 1 & 2 POWERBOAT CERTIFICATE

The RYA National Powerboat Scheme exists to meet the needs of those who use small, open powerboats for sport, whether for their own sake, or in connection with another activity such as sailing, sub-aqua diving, canoeing or water skiing. There is no lower age limit for participants of powerboat courses but the RYA would not recommend under 16's being left in charge of a powerboat without adult supervision.

LEVEL 1 provides a practical introduction to boat handling skills including:

PREPARATION

Launching and recovering, safety equipment, pre-start checks, personal buoyancy.

BOAT HANDLING TECHNIQUES & MANOEUVRES

Starting and stopping, use of kill cord, steering controls, securing to a buoy, anchoring, leaving and coming alongside, being towed.

THEORY & BACKGROUND

International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, rope-work, awareness of other water users.

LEVEL 2 provides the skills and background knowledge needed by the competent powerboat driver and is the basis of the International Certificate of Competence.

PREPARATION

Launching and recovering, safety equipment, lines and fenders, fuel tanks.

BOAT HANDLING TECHNIQUES & MANOEUVRES

Effects of current or tide, high and low speed manoeuvring, propeller controls, securing to a buoy, anchoring, leaving and coming alongside, man overboard.

THEORY & BACKGROUND

Types of craft and engine, maintenance checks, International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, weather forecasts.

At Bisham Abbey Sailing and Navigation School we run the Powerboat Level 1 & 2, two day course, by mutual arrangement with a maximum 3:1 student to instructor ratio, using a variety of craft. The course is suitable for those with little or no previous experience. For those with previous experience a one-day Powerboat Assessment course is available, again by mutual arrangement; the appropriate certificate being awarded at the end of the day.

To arrange your course please telephone **01628 474960**.