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The courses detailed below are those less commonly requested, generally due to their being in specialist fields.

Many of these courses are delivered by our Team of Freelance Instructors at either Gailey Wharf Training Centre, or in some instances over in North Wales at the main Outreach Rescue Centre.

Bookings are made in the standard way; via email; office@midlandmarine.co.uk
Prices and availability upon request and will be variable depending upon the number of candidates undertaking training.



DEFRA Module 3) 'Water Rescue Technician' – Outreach Rescue HQ North Wales



This comprehensive 5-day course trains emergency services personnel and organizations involved in water rescue responses at the Water and Flood Rescue Technician (DEFRA Mod 3) level. Delegates learn to identify limitations and effectively use water rescue equipment and techniques while operating near, on, and in moving water.

This 5-day predominantly practical course trains responders to identify limitations and safely and effectively use appropriate water rescue equipment and techniques while operating near, on, and in moving water.

The course covers safe working in water, water rescue scene management, dynamic risk assessments, incident management, water-related hazards and their rescue implications, search procedures, PPE and specialist equipment usage, swimming and manoeuvring in moving water, shallow water movement techniques, quick-release drills, relevant rescue techniques (shout, reach, throw, swim rescues, paddle rescues), basic boat handling, rope systems for water rescue and casualty management.

Boat Training

Maritime & Coast Guard Agency (MCA) BoatMaster Ancillary Training



For ‘Passenger Operations’ (capacity of 12 plus) ‘Workboat’ & ‘Towing or Pushing’ entitlements

- MCA BoatMaster Ancillary ‘Water Safety & Personal Survival’ (Restricted)
- MCA BoatMaster Ancillary ‘Boat Fire Safety’ (Restricted)
- MCA Tier 2 ‘Task Record Book’ Completion Course





The above courses need to be undertaken along with your ‘underpinning knowledge’ of MCA regulations prior to sitting a BoatMaster’s exam. An accepted First Aid course such as the RYA First Aid qualification is also a requirement and available at Gailey Wharf Training Centre.

Qualifying services time, recorded in your ‘Work Record Book’ is also needed to progress to BoatMaster.

InSTR Inland Waters Rescue Boat Operator (Institute of Search and Technical Rescue)

Bridging the gap in training provision for rescue boats.

The ‘Inland Waters Rescue Boat Operator’ course is ideal for companies and organisations providing rescue vessels, whose operators will be working in daylight hours, predominantly in ‘land-locked’ Counties in particular those with a high density of navigable waterways.

Birmingham & Midland Marine Services developed the ‘Inland Waters Rescue Boat Operator’ qualification for boat operators providing safety cover for the civil engineering, construction, maintenance, utilities, rail and environmental sectors. The course does not cover tidal or estuarial waters.

Canal & River Trust CAATS ‘Workboat’ plus ‘Small / Inflatable Craft’ Direct Assessment

A one-day course covering the aspects of operating small and / or inflatable vessels on category ‘A’ and ‘B’ waterways, from an access / egress / craft licencing perspective. The Canal & River Trust’s CAATS scheme is an internal programme for staff development and not available for non CRT personnel.



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Classroom based courses



Royal Yachting Association (RYA) First Aid training course (1 day)

Our one-day course covers all the usual first aid subjects, but from a boating perspective. It is aimed at anyone who goes afloat, whether on inland waters, rivers, estuaries or on cross channel passages. This course is MCA approved and satisfies the requirements for Coastal Skipper Yachtmaster and Advanced Powerboat certificates of competence and some commercial work afloat.

Other first aid training inline with the marine and arboriculture industries is available by arrangement.

- ITC Level 3 Award in Outdoor First Aid
- ITC Level 3 Award in +F Emergency First Aid at Work
- TC Level 3 Award in Outdoor First Aid Emergency Action
- Level 3 First Response Emergency Care





Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Marine Radio SRC Course and Exam – External instructors

A course and exam for anyone who owns a fixed or handheld marine VHF radio. A radio is an important piece of safety equipment on board, and it is vital to understand the correct procedures. The Short-Range Certificate is the minimum qualification required by law to control the operation of VHF and VHF Digital Selective Calling (DSC) equipment on any British flagged vessel voluntarily fitted with a radio either fixed or hand held.

Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Essential Navigation and Seamanship Course – External instructors

A basic introduction to navigation and safety for anyone new to boating; sailors, powerboaters, sea anglers, divers and Boat Masters. Also useful for experienced dinghy and keelboat sailors and inshore racers.

Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Day Skipper Theory Course – External instructors

A comprehensive introduction to chartwork navigation meteorology and the basics of seamanship. Invaluable for learning how to start making decisions on board and if you are considering taking the Day Skipper practical course.

Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Offshore Theory Course – External instructors

Ideal for candidates for the Coastal Skipper practical course & Yachtmaster Offshore exam. Some revision of the Day Skipper shorebased course plus more advanced skills in offshore & coastal navigation by day & night, pilotage & meteorology.

Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Yachtmaster Ocean Theory Course – External instructors

A course in astro navigation, worldwide meteorology and passage planning, which also unravels the mysteries of the sextant.



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