



# RYA Powerboat Level 1

## Course Details & Joining Instructions

**Course details:** This is a super fun introduction to boating techniques focusing purely on the practical handling elements. During the course almost all of the time is spent on the water practising manoeuvres but there is also time to look at some of the safety aspects of boating.

**What you will learn:** Basic boat handling, safety and rules of the road. Launching and recovery. Ropes and knots.

**Assumed knowledge:** None

**Duration:** 1 day

**Minimum Age:** 8

**Suitable for:** Beginners. Ideal as a gift for birthdays or Christmas. Great children's course.

**What's included:**

- 1 days use of the Starfish Enterprise, our Redbay Stormforce 7.4m
- Maximum of 3 students
- 1 days of instruction
- Fuel
- Lifejacket
- Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits throughout the course
- Start Powerboating Theory Book

**What to bring with you:**

- Appropriate clothing for the weather. See clothing section below.
- Any medication you may need
- Packed lunch (or you can visit Holy Loch Café in the marina)

**Timings:** 9.00am – 5.00pm

**Location:** Wreckspeditions, Unit 2b, Holy Loch Marina, Sandbank, Dunoon, PA23 8FE

**Certificates:** On successful completion of the course, you will be issued with a Powerboat Level 1 Course completion certificate. If under 16, certificate will be endorsed to show holder should use power craft under supervision only.

**Clothing:** Lifejackets are available for use during the course but please make sure you bring the correct clothing for the expected weather, including wet weather gear. A warm jumper, gloves and a hat are always handy to have.

**Accommodation:** The course is non-residential. However, if you would like to stay near the training centre overnight, take a look at our website to find accommodation nearby. Some providers offer our customers discounts and these have been highlighted on the map. <https://www.wreckspeditions.com/dunoon-guide>

**Cancellation policy:** A full refund will be given if the booking is cancelled more than 4 weeks in advance. If cancelling within 4 weeks of the course start date, the full course balance will be payable. Please refer to our full terms and conditions. <https://www.wreckspeditions.com/terms-conditions>

**Complaints:** We hope you have no cause to make a complaint during your course, however if you feel unsatisfied with the training or the service you have received in anyway, then please follow the procedure below:

1. Speak to the instructor or skipper who is involved in the complaint. If you are not satisfied with the outcome, then;
2. Jason Coles, Director and Principal will arrange to speak to you privately. If you are still not satisfied with the outcome, then;
3. Claire Hallybone is a director who is not involved with the day to day running of the business and therefore remains impartial. Claire will arrange a suitable time to meet or speak with you.

## Example Course Plan

### Day 1

- 0900 - Students arrive and check in.
- 0915 – Welcome, safety brief, issue of PPE, and course notes/books.
- 0930 – Students taken down to rhib for craft familiarisation. Instructor's safety briefing and familiarisation talk to include the importance of the kill cord and correct stowage of equipment. Vessel check sheets will be handed out to students. Tasks will involve finding all safety equipment, checking engine, starting engine, batteries, fuel tank and fuelling procedures, and other items. Run through checks to be completed prior to departure.
- 1000 - Practice some basic manoeuvres outside of the marina such as departing and coming alongside a pontoon taking into account tidal stream and wind direction, picking up a mooring buoy and attaching, stemming the tide. Understand the importance of having an awareness of other water users.
- 1230 – Look around marina at various types of trailers with different winch setups, rollers, skis etc an look at marina slipway, discuss launching/recovery here. learn how to anchor including what makes a good anchorage, types of anchors, stowage and attachment to the boat, required depth of water, holding ground, method of approach in various conditions of wind and tide, preparation of the anchor. Learn how to weigh anchor.
- 1300 Lunch.
- 1400 Continue boat handling including turning in a confined area, out with and working into the marina. More practise on how to secure to a mooring buoy including approach angle, crew communication and other slow speed manoeuvres. Do a bit of anchoring.
- 1500 – Break.
- 1520 - Go out to practice and learn some planing speed manoeuvres such as S and U turns. Understand the use of trim for different speeds and sea conditions, checks before manoeuvring. MOB drills if we have time.
- 1645 – Back to classroom to debrief on the day
- 1700 - Q&A and finish for the day.