

**PRESTON MARINA TRAINING CENTRE**

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Joining Instructions for RYA Powerboat Level 2

Thanks for booking the RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course at Preston Marina Training Centre.

The course is run over 2 days (please check your course dates).

Running times are usually 09.30 to 17.30 unless the tides on your course require these timings to be adjusted. If so you will be advised accordingly.

If you have paid for the course – thank you, if not full payment is required at least three weeks before the course commences. **A £50 deposit per person will be asked for at the time of booking to secure your place/s.** The course costs £295* including V.A.T. per person and payment can be made by calling in at the Preston Marina Chandlery (7 days) by telephone on 01772 733595, or online – Account name Preston Marine Services, Acc. No. 13136371, Sort Code 16-28-33.

*Please note discount is available for multiple bookings made at the same time. Multiples of two people = £275 each and multiples of three people = £250 each (incl. V.A.T.)

Please note the following important bits of information.

Your instructor for the course will meet you in “The Lodge” at the start time above.

1. **You will need to bring a passport size photo to the course which will be used for your certificate. Please write your name on the back as you would like it to appear on your certificate.**
2. **The Course will begin in “The Lodge Training Centre” within our boatyard, please note the post code for this location is different to the Marina’s main building’s post code. To access “The Lodge” use PR2 2YS; this will bring you to Lockside Road which is off Chain Caul Way, once you have turned into Lockside Road follow the road for about 300 yards and the entrance to the boatyard will be on your left – hopefully we have been organised and put out a blue and white sign saying “The Lodge”!**
3. Easy parking is available right outside the Lodge.
4. Refreshments are available if required and teas & coffees are provided throughout the day. You can bring your own lunch or visit our onsite “Beach Hut Café Bar”
5. Buoyancy Aids will be provided by the training centre.
6. Suitable Clothing – this course partly takes place outside therefore you will need to attend the course suitably dressed for the weather conditions of the day. It is often much cooler out on the water. In colder conditions the 3 layer system is recommended – this is a thin base layer with a man-made middle layer, for example a fleece, and then the third layer should be a waterproof, windproof outer jacket with a good fitting waterproof hood and waterproof trousers. None marking boating shoes should also be worn – in wet conditions sailing wellies are ideal.
7. Sunscreen – in the unlikely event of a hot summer’s day don’t forget your sunscreen and a hat!

8. In normal circumstances the Training Centre can provide coastal waterproof suits at a charge of £5 per day, however for most of 2021, due to Covid, we did ask students to bring their own waterproofs. Hopefully this service will be available throughout 2022.
9. 10% discount applies on most chandlery purchases whilst you are attending a course at Preston Marina (excludes sale items, fuel, large sheet admiralty charts) 5% discount is available on VHF radios and other electronic navigational aids that are in stock.
10. **Please note this is a practical course and can only run if the weather conditions are safe. Courses tend to run in the rain but if very strong winds are forecast the course may be postponed – the final decision to postpone a course is usually made 48 hours before the course is due to begin. If necessary, the centre will contact you around this time and either re-arrange your course or will provide a full refund if a suitable date cannot be found.**

Additional Covid Precautions

If there are any changes to the guidance relating to Covid prior to the start of the course these will be incorporated into the precautions and providing it is allowed and safe to do so the course will still go ahead.

If you have a high temperature or feel unwell with any Covid symptoms we ask that you inform us & you do not attend; we will arrange another course for you.

The classroom will have been thoroughly cleaned before your booking and there will be a sanitising station for ongoing cleaning whilst you are attending the course.

At the time of writing the wearing of masks and social distancing is not required but masks can obviously still be worn and we will provide as much space between the students as possible. If you have any concerns during the course please let the instructor or the principal know.

There are hand sinks and hand gel for regular hand cleaning in the classroom and kitchen areas.

Additional Information about the RYA Powerboat Level 2 Qualification (PB2);

The RYA Powerboat Level 2 (PB2) qualification issued by Preston Marina is the **COASTAL** version of the qualification, for **PLANING** (higher speed) craft – which also covers slow “displacement” boat speed handling. Our training includes boat handling in a tidal river which gives students invaluable experience for future boating.

Our usual training boats are Rigid Inflatable Boats (R.I.Bs) which can operate at “planing” speeds of around 25 – 30 knots (28 – 35 mph).

International Certificate of Competence (I.C.C.)

In many overseas countries (including all of Europe), those wishing to command a boat for pleasure must hold a recognised qualification of competence. The International Certificate of Competence (I.C.C.) is the leading qualification of this nature.

Holders of a PB2 qualification, who are UK nationals and aged 16 or over can obtain an I.C.C. which permits the holder to command powered craft up to 10 metres in length by way of an application form and a payment.

The I.C.C. is valid for 5 years, after which time it may be renewed subject to application and payment.

If you do wish to apply for an I.C.C. Preston Marina training staff will be happy to assist.

European Inland Waterways Endorsement (CEVNI - Code Européen des Voies de Navigation Intérieure)

If you do apply for an I.C.C. – you should be aware that there are two types of water-ways that need to be taken into consideration – Coastal and Inland.

The PB2 qualification alone means that your subsequent I.C.C. will be valid for Coastal waters – but if you go boating on any European Inland water-way (and this can simply mean a short distance from the coast up a river to a marina) your I.C.C. will also need to carry the INLAND endorsement.

This is obtained by taking the CEVNI test, which is done online (available via our website). The current cost for taking the test is I.R.O £30. While it is possible to take the CEVNI test after obtaining your I.C.C. and then amending your I.C.C. afterwards – it is often easier to have your CEVNI already in place when making your initial application for the I.C.C. The CEVNI is not a stand-alone qualification and is only valid as an endorsement to an I.C.C.

Preston Marina training staff will be happy to assist with advice regarding the I.C.C. and CEVNI.

We are really looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our Centre; if you have any questions before the course please contact the principal below. As with all courses here at Preston we will do our very best to provide you with a great experience but if there are any areas you feel we can improve on please let us know. If you enjoy the course we would love to know this too but more importantly please tell your friends.

Here's wishing you fair winds & safe boating

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