

The logo for Seaforce Powerboats features the text 'SEAFØRCE' and 'POWERBOATS' stacked vertically. The text is white and set against a background of two white, curved lines that taper to a point on the right, resembling a stylized boat hull or a wake.

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RYA Powerboat Level 1

Syllabus

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Aim

For anyone wanting to try out powerboating, this is the ideal course. Even though it's goal is to teach significant things about boat handling and safety you are under no pressure and importantly it's great fun! Since the Level 1 course is available to most age groups and powerboating is a very family oriented activity It's also a great way to introduce the kids to safety on the water.

Course Duration

1 day

Minimum Age

8 years

What's Included

- Waterproof gear
- Lifejackets
- Start Powerboating handbook
- Modern facilities with hot/cold drinks and refreshments
- Experienced, enthusiastic and approachable instructors

Prior Knowledge and Experience

No prior knowledge or experience is required to undertake this course!

Skills Gained

Confidence in the basics of boat handling and safety in inland and coastal waters

Opportunities After The Course

The ability to feel confident about progressing through the next level of the National Powerboat Scheme

Suggested Courses

Powerboat Level 2

Sea Survival

SRC (VHF) radio operator course

First Aid

PW Jet Ski

Course Content

Section A: Practical

Launch and Recovery

- Considerations to be taken during the launch
- The use of a trailer or launching trolley
- Considerations to be taken regarding sea conditions and hazards
- Construction, width and condition of ramp/slipway

Preparation of Boat and Crew

- Personal buoyancy and appropriate clothing
- The use of the following equipment: lines, fenders, anchor and warp, bailer, fire extinguisher, pump, paddles or oars, compass, flares, torch, whistle, charts, first aid kit, sharp knife.
- Fastening to a cleat and stow an anchor

Boat Handling

- Planing boats, propeller angle and immersion, use of shallow drive
- Low speed handling: ahead and astern
- Displacement boats, handling ahead and astern, carrying way in neutral
- How to carry out pre-start checks, including fuel tank and fuel bulb
- Steering, controls and windage
- Steer and control boat speed
- Start and stop the engine
- Demonstrate the use of an appropriate length killcord at all times

Picking Up and Securing To A Mooring Buoy

- Preparation of mooring warps
- Use of a boat hook
- Method of approach
- Crew communication
- Making fast

Leaving and Coming Alongside (Berthing)

- Taking account of the wind effect
- Approach a berth in a tidal stream or current
- Control speed and angle of approach
- The use of painter, lines and fenders, attachment to boat, stowage under way
- Make fast alongside
- Leaving – ahead or astern

Section B: Theory

- Loading and balancing the boat and the effect on handling and performance
- Local byelaws and insurance
- Crew numbers: minimum number in the boat, importance of keeping a look-out
- Awareness of other water users, including effect of wash
- Application of IRPCS. Understands rules 5, 6 and conduct around commercial shipping in confined waters
- Person Overboard: How to stop the boat, Raising the alarm, Prevention

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