

# 4 Yacht Handling Course - Advanced

Moderate experience of crewing & yacht handling

**Title:** Yacht Handling – Advanced. **Price:** From £240  
(Day Skipper ‘bridge’ for Comp. Crew, Flotilla & Keelboaters)  
**Duration:** 2 days (includes 2 nights onboard if required)  
**Cert:** International Certificate of Competency (ICC)

Bareboat charter from most holiday companies

## Practical Syllabus

<p><b>Practical - Preparations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety briefings &amp; use of safety equipment</li> <li>• Understanding weather forecasts</li> <li>• Engine checks</li> <li>• Understanding fuel range</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Practical - Departing from Pontoon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of springs to depart from lee wall/pontoon</li> <li>• Crew communication</li> <li>• Use of Fenders</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Practical - Turning in Confined Space</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 360° turns in confined space</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Practical - Securing to Buoy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crew communication</li> <li>• Preparing warps</li> <li>• Correct angles of approach</li> <li>• Controlling speed of approach</li> <li>• Securing boat effectively</li> <li>• Departing from the mooring safely</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Practical - Man Overboard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observing a MOB &amp; instructing crew</li> <li>• Correct direction &amp; speed of approach</li> <li>• Making contact with MOB</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Practical - Handling Under Sail</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sailing a triangular course with one leg to windward</li> <li>• Suitable areas for hoisting/lowering sails</li> <li>• Use of sails suitable for prevailing conditions</li> <li>• Wind awareness</li> <li>• Sail trim</li> <li>• Warning crew before manoeuvres</li> <li>• Looking around before tacking &amp; gybing</li> <li>• Controlling sails during tacking &amp; gybing</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Practical - Coming Alongside Windward Pontoon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicating effectively with crew</li> <li>• Awareness of other water users</li> <li>• Preparing warps/fenders</li> <li>• Choosing correct angle of approach</li> <li>• Controlling speed of approach</li> <li>• Stopping boat in place required &amp; securing to pontoon</li> <li>• Shutting down engine</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Theory - General Regulations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping a proper lookout</li> <li>• Determining a 'safe' speed</li> <li>• Recognising a potential collision situation</li> <li>• Identify 'give way' vessel in a collision situation</li> <li>• Actions to take as 'give way' and 'stand on' vessel</li> <li>• Responsibilities of a small vessel in a narrow channel</li> <li>• Sound signals (1,2,3 &amp; 5 short blasts)</li> <li>• Making &amp; recognising visual distress signals</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Theory - Regulations for Coastal endorsement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules relating to Traffic Separation Schemes</li> <li>• Navigation lights &amp; shapes to be displayed by own vessel</li> <li>• Recognising lights for Power driven, sailing vessel, vessel at anchor tug &amp; tow, fishing vessel, dredger</li> <li>• Basic sound signals</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Theory - Pilotage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buoys &amp; lights of the IALA system</li> <li>• Sources of information on: local regulations, port entry &amp; departure signals, VTS &amp; Port Operations Radio</li> <li>• Planning a harbour entry/departure, taking account of possible presence of large vessels &amp; avoiding navigational hazards</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Theory - Navigation</b> <b>(Chart &amp; Plotting Instruments required)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpreting a navigational chart, understanding significance of charted depths &amp; drying heights &amp; identifying charted hazards</li> <li>• Plotting position by cross bearings &amp; by Lat/Long</li> <li>• Determining magnetic course to steer, making allowances for leeway &amp; tidal stream</li> <li>• Using tide tables to find times &amp; heights of high &amp; low water at a standard port</li> <li>• Determining direction &amp; rate of tidal stream from a tidal stream atlas or tidal diamonds on a chart</li> <li>• Basic use of GPS</li> </ul>	