

# On-Board Information Card (Sail)

## Alcohol & Drinking On-Board

We recognise that some students may wish to combine their RYA Training Course with a Learn-to-Sail Holiday to make an enjoyable sailing experience, and that the **responsible consumption of alcohol**, in moderation, can be **part of that experience**.

It is important to note, however, that during an RYA Course, RYA trainees are not classed as 'passengers', and are therefore **subject to legal alcohol restrictions** in the same way as our RYA Instructors are. This means that, whilst on-board, you should not exceed the U.K. Drink-Drive limit, **but please enjoy safely**.



This limit is set by law for safety purposes and, whilst **our RYA Instructors take a sensible approach to customers drinking alcohol**, drinking to excess - i.e. becoming intoxicated or being under the influence of alcohol whilst around the water, on-board, underway or in marinas / harbours - is not permitted.

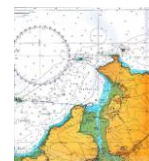
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## 'Pass or Fail?'

**The terms Pass or Fail are not used** for RYA Training Courses. There is **no exam** or test, and RYA Courses are **continually-assessed**, with individual sections to be completed or signed-off. When all sections are completed the **RYA Certificate is awarded**.

**Most students will complete** their course in the time available – e.g. RYA Day Skipper (Coastal/Tidal) over 5 Days/Nights, or 3 Weekends. Some others **may not complete** all the sections **in the standard course time**.

This may be due to having less prior practical experience, or perhaps not as much theoretical knowledge as may be **needed to be safe**.



If your RYA Instructor feels that **you would benefit** from additional practical or shorebased training he/she will discuss with you a **personalised plan** for how to complete your course and **obtain the RYA Certificate you want**.

If you don't achieve the course completion certificate in the time available – this can be quite normal as the **RYA have high standards** – you may need only to do an additional one or two days, in the future, to complete the course. **If it means that you are a better and safer Skipper**, then it can only be worth it in the end!

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## **Getting The I.C.C. International Certificate of Competence**

Most foreign countries will require evidence of competence when operating a vessel in their waters. For most pleasure craft operators, whether they intend the charter or own, the ICC International Certificate of Competence is the Photo-I.D.

To obtain an ICC you first need to pass and obtain either the RYA Day or Coastal Skipper (Coastal/Tidal) Award. This is a Photo-I.D. Licence-Card style certificate, and is centrally registered on the RYA database. You will need to have a passport-sized photo for this, and pay the £5.00 fee to ScotSail at the end of your course. ScotSail pays £5 to the RYA for your certificate, but you will get your certificate immediately upon completion directly from the centre.

The ICC is a larger Photo-I.D. certificate in a plastic wallet, accepted internationally under UN Resolution 40. You need to complete an application form, which can be downloaded from [www.ScotSail.co.uk/help](http://www.ScotSail.co.uk/help) You will need a photocopy of your original RYA Certificate (e.g. Day Skipper), a photocopy of your passport details page, a passport-sized photo.

The ICC Application is FREE for RYA Members, and £43.00 for non-members. RYA Annual Membership is £49.00. You can join the RYA on that form and get your free ICC at the same time.

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## **How Can I Charter A Yacht Abroad?**

We can provide you free assistance in arranging your yacht charter, passage planning, documents etc - whether it's your first time or you have some previous experience.

You can browse up to 2,500 yachts in 14 countries and hundreds of destinations directly on our website at: [www.ScotSail.co.uk/Charter](http://www.ScotSail.co.uk/Charter) as well as dates, prices, customer reviews and helpful guides, as well as the ability to make either a provisional or full reservation online.

Image: M O'Halloran. Sent in to us by actual ScotSail® RYA Day Skipper customer, who went on to charter abroad.



We act as a specialist booking agent for Bareboat Yacht Charter, meaning you do not have to deal with operators or harbour authorities in foreign languages, timezones or currencies. This does not add to the cost of your yacht charter holiday, and provides customers with additional protections.

If you're interested in Yacht Charter, and would like a quote, please tell your RYA Instructor.