

International Certificate of Competence – Sail up to 24m and Motor up to 10m - How do I get this aboard my own sail yacht?

As an alternative tack to the RYA 15 day training (5 days Start Yachting & Competent Crew, 5 days theory & 5 Days Practical – about £1400.00) in being qualified for the International Certificate of Competence (ICC) -

<https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/cruising/Web%20Documents/Boating%20Abroad/ICC%20Form.pdf> We suggest that you consider doing the ICC by way of an assessment – See Page 3 of the document link above.

For a successful completion of the ICC assessment there are two clear aspects, Knowledge and Practical Application. See Below.

There is an optional but increasingly mandatory VHF Course and Exam for completion. This can be integrated into your bespoke package of training.

ICC Knowledge -When you sign up for the practical training you will have access to a 4 page summary of the requirements and a minimal summary of what you want to know. In addition you can access a mock theory assessment paper so it will help you assessing your training need. Based upon this the following options are open to you:

1. Cardiff Yachting Company offers a comprehensive ICC Knowledge Training Day – This covers all the theory from the perspective of where the assessment takes place, aboard X Beat II, Cardiff Bay and off Penarth. The cost of this on a 1:1 basis is £195.00 or £149.00 via ZOOM Conference. *(It is accepted that the following options are much cheaper, for most people, reliance on your own motivation and ability to comprehend new concepts without asking directly someone who knows is a challenge)*
2. RYA G81 ICC Handbook has all the knowledge AND practical elements covered – considerably less at £11.49 <https://blackwells.co.uk/bookshop/product/RYA-ICC-Handbook-by-Rob-Gibson-author/9781906435165>
3. There is also an app or android version of Adlard Coles publication ICC for around £2.00! <https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/special-interest/nautical/nautical-apps/>
4. All in all I wouldn't be without the **Reeds Skippers Handbook 2020 Edition** - <https://blackwells.co.uk/bookshop/product/Reeds-Skippers-Handbook-by-Malcolm-Pearson-author/9781472972163>

ICC Practical - After addressing any knowledge gaps, then practicing and taking the assessment I suggest is a minimum of 2 days tuition your own boat with the instructor fees being £185.00 per day or £115.00 per half day. The Assessment day is at the same cost but there is an additional fee of £50.00 each for each applicant for Swansea Watersports to administer the ICC application.

VHF Operator Licence -Lastly, we are aware that some charter companies are also insisting on having your VHF Operators Licence as well as the ICC. So the next sign up for will be for the RYA Interactive VHF Course <https://www.cardiffyacht.co.uk/rya-interactive/> - for an individual fee @ £59.00 each - In addition after completion of the course there is a RYA exam fee of £60.00 each – the exam can be taken following a practical sail day aboard X Beat II – it takes about 75 minutes.