

RYA SENIOR INSTRUCTOR

Role

The Senior Instructor is an experienced instructor who has been assessed as competent to organise and manage sailing courses within the RYA National Sailing Scheme. The Senior Instructor is qualified to organise and control group sailing tuition and to supervise and assist instructors. Such a person must be a confident, competent manager, capable of organising groups of all ages and directing the work of his instructors.

An RYA recognised dinghy/keelboat/multihull training centre must have a current Senior Instructor as its Principal or Chief Sailing Instructor, though a Yachtmaster Instructor may fulfil this role in a keelboat centre.

Eligibility

Candidates must first be an RYA Dinghy Instructor and must fulfil the following criteria before taking part in the Senior Instructor training course:

- Minimum age 18
- Two years intermittent or one year full time dinghy instructing since qualifying as a DI;
- RYA Safety Boat certificate.
- Valid first aid certificate: either the RYA First Aid Course, or one recognised by the Health and Safety Executive, covering the treatment of hypothermia and a minimum of six hours course length. (Since April 2014 the First Aid provider must be on the RYA approved list – available on the RYA web site)
- Signed recommendation from the Principal of an RYA training centre (see page 126).

During the course candidates will be asked to demonstrate that they have sailing ability to at least the standard of an RYA Dinghy Instructor.

Training

Candidates should apply to their Regional Coach for details of courses, which are run on a regional basis with a minimum of six students. Courses are organised through the Regional Coach and staffed by two or more RYA Coach/Assessors. The course may take the form of two weekends (four whole days) and include some material covered prior to the course. Assessment

The assessment will be continuous and will be made by at least two Coach/Assessors. Candidates will be required to demonstrate competence in the following areas: Personal sailing ability
Centre administration

Course preparation, delivery and management
Customer liaison

Certificate Validity

Senior Instructor certificates are valid for five years from the date of issue, provided that a valid first aid certificate is maintained. Every five years a Revalidation Form must be obtained from RYA Headquarters which should be completed and returned, with the Instructor Certificate, for revalidation along with a log of instruction experience in RYA Training Centres since qualifying, details of current first aid certificate and the appropriate fee or RYA membership number. If little or no experience is shown, it may be necessary to attend a re-assessment in order to ensure that the instructor is up to date with current practice. In normal circumstances revalidation of the award includes all instructor endorsements.