

Winter courses and workshops

Run by the Devon School of Navigation with advantageous rates for KEBC members

Could this be the ideal Christmas present?!

Do you want to brush up your knowledge over the winter? These courses and workshops cover VHF, local navigation and safety. Club members benefit from extremely competitive pricing. Non club members are welcome as guests but we ask for an additional £10 per half day session or, of course, that you join the club (£15 annual subscription) when you sign up for a workshop.

Background

Andy Thomson will be organising and teaching the programme. He's been training KEBC members for many years and has always received good feedback from his students. The Devon School of Navigation (www.devnav.co.uk) is his RYA Training Centre and he teaches a range of RYA shorebased courses (Day Skipper, Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Offshore, Yachtmaster Ocean, Radar and VHF) though he no longer teaches afloat. KEBC members benefit from a reduced price.

Want to know more?

Email Andy (andy@thethomsons.info) or phone him (**01548 581288**) to discuss / book your requirements. Alternatively, there's a brief 'response form' on page 3 for you to use.

We need to know the level of interest by Christmas so hall bookings can be adjusted to meet demand.

VHF and KEBC Workshops

General

Club workshops are not examined, are classroom based and do not lead to an RYA qualification. Their aim is to help you learn more about some of the key topics that affect our boating in a reasonably relaxed and 'fun' environment. The full VHF Short Range Certificate course is examined.

A 'half day' is roughly three hours teaching (plus time for a tea / coffee break) and we've assumed morning sessions because most people prefer them. We limit class sizes to a maximum of six people and will add dates if there's the demand.

If you want a course or workshop on a different date or time to those listed below please ask – you might not be alone! Afternoon and evening sessions can be arranged. The prices below include handouts, refreshments and room hire.

1. VHF Short Range Certificate (SRC)

Someone on your boat must hold an SRC to use marine VHF radio legally. There are two parts to gaining your SRC; a theory section followed by a practical exam. You can complete the theory either via the RYA's online course or in the classroom. Both approaches work well, and have their pros and cons. The cost is likely to range between about £60 and £80 per person for this part of the SRC, with the online course currently the slightly cheaper option.

The practical exam is separate and takes about an hour and a half. The RYA charge £60 per person which is payable direct to them. There is no extra charge payable to the examiner.

Ring or email Andy and he'll be happy to talk you through the options, give you more information on costs and timescales and help you decide on the best way forward for you.

2. "Practical VHF"

Mobile phones are better than nothing but, at sea, **VHF radio is far better in an emergency.**

Most people gain their SRC and then rarely use their radio afloat. It really is a case of 'use it or lose it' with VHF. Do you have regular crew who you think ought to know basic VHF procedures? Here's your chance to build your and their practical VHF skills by using real marine VHF radios with realistic scenarios suitable for both beginners and more advanced users. It's also a fun way to enjoyably reinforce what you learnt on your SRC course!

- **Duration:** One half day
- **Cost per person:** £30
- **Date:** 15th March 2022. 09:30 to 13:00.

3. "Know your waters"

Here's a chance to work with real local charts and tidal information and understand more about navigating in our local waters, both inside and outside Salcombe Harbour. You'll end up by planning a passage to Dartmouth and back. The price includes the loan of charts and navigating instruments. This workshop is suitable for both beginners and people with some navigation experience.

- **Duration:** Two half days
- **Cost per person:** £60
- **Date:** 25th and 26th January 2022. 09:30 to 13:00 both days.

4. "Now what?!"

So how good are your safety procedures? All the best skippers have contingency plans in mind to help them cope if the worst were to happen. **Would you or your crew know what to do in an emergency?** Here's an opportunity to think about and discuss some of these issues, the appropriate equipment to carry on board and the procedures you would use.

- **Duration:** One half day
- **Cost per person:** £30
- **Date:** 15th February 2022. 09:30 to 13:00.

Other RYA Courses

Contact Andy to discuss your requirements.

Notes

1. Covid means we have to take precautions and comply with all legal and RYA training requirements in force at the time of the course or workshop
 - **To attend any KEBC or Devon School of Navigation classroom training you must be fully vaccinated with all recommended supplementary jabs.**
 - Teaching at people's homes is not currently possible and we use the John Wesley Room at Stokenham Parish Hall. It is ideal for our purposes and there is ample free parking nearby and at the hall. The cost of using this facility is built into the prices shown above.
2. **Prices are correct at November 2021.** We may have to pass on any external price increases (e.g. hall costs or RYA charges) imposed on us.
3. **Minimum attendance to make a course viable is two people.** It is perfectly possible to run some of the courses for one person but the charge will be as though there are two people.

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To Andy Thomson

My details

Name, address, contact phone or email number

Please sign me / us up

For the Practical VHF / Know your waters / Safety at Sea workshop (delete as appropriate) on the scheduled date and time.

You'll receive an acknowledgement from Andy once he receives this form.

Names:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Please contact me.

I am interested in an SRC course / KEBC workshop and would like to speak to Andy to get more information about the workshop / course or discuss options and dates

Your name and date

Final step

If you printed this page and manually completed it then send it to: **Mr. A Thomson, Hedges, Kiln Lane, Stokenham, Devon TQ7 2SQ.**

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