SALTY

RYA Training Centre · Cowes, Isle of Wight

The Salty Sailing

Traineeship

Start sailing. Build experience.
See where it takes you.

RYA training, real sea miles, practical marine skills and real insight into the industry.

ONE PLACE ONLY

Applications close 1st January 2027

The opportunity

Get inside a real sailing business

We're offering one person the chance to get involved with everything we do. This isn't a course where you turn up, get your certificate and leave. Alongside your RYA training, you'll learn first-hand what it really takes to run a sailing business, on the water, in the yard and behind the scenes, with our team in Cowes.

You'll progress up the RYA training ladder and finish with a full set of qualifications, real sea miles and practical marine skills, plus an insider's understanding of the industry that really means something on a CV. The timeline and programme are designed around the chosen candidate.

Your RYA training pathway

01 RYA **Competent Crew**

02 RYA **Day Skipper Theory**

03 RYA **Day Skipper**

04 RYA **Yachtmaster Theory**

05 RYA **Coastal Skipper**

06 RYA **Yachtmaster Offshore***

*Yachtmaster Offshore preparation is available on the extended programme for applicants with qualifying sailing experience. Plus RYA Powerboat Level 2, RYA VHF Radio, RYA First Aid and two Channel crossings.

What's involved

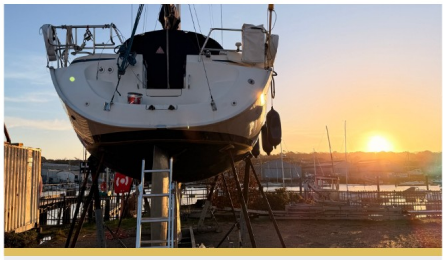
More than just sailing

You'll spend your time across every part of the business. Some days you'll be at sea on courses or extra sails, others you'll be in the yard with your hands in an engine, or learning how we tell the Salty story online.

01 · Training & sea miles

On the water

- Progress through the RYA ladder, from Competent Crew to Coastal Skipper
- Build real sea miles, including two Channel crossings
- Extra sailing alongside our skippers and instructors
- See how courses and trips are run from the crew's side



02 · Practical marine skills

In the yard

- Engine maintenance
- Winch servicing
- General boat maintenance and yard work
- Rigging and deck equipment
- Learning how a fleet is prepared for the season

03 · The business side

Behind the scenes

- Social media and content creation
- Seeing the commercial side of running a sailing school
- Seeing how we look after customers day to day
- Mentoring from experienced sailors throughout

At a glance

What you'll gain, and the details

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- A full set of RYA qualifications, from Competent Crew to Coastal Skipper
- Powerboat Level 2, VHF Radio and First Aid certificates
- Real sea miles and offshore experience
- Hands-on marine skills the industry values
- An inside view of how a sailing business really runs
- Mentoring and support from experienced sailors

The details

Places	One
Minimum age	18
Timeline	Tailored to the chosen candidate
Accommodation	During practical courses only
Based at	Salty HQ, Cowes, Isle of Wight
Closing date	1st January 2027

Who it's for

Anyone aged 18 or over who wants to build a life or a career on the water and see how the industry works from the inside. You don't need sailing experience to start, as the programme begins at Competent Crew. If you already have qualifying miles, ask us about the extended programme with Yachtmaster preparation.

Programme options

Investment

Complete Traineeship

£7,000

The full programme, from RYA Competent Crew through to Coastal Skipper, with every additional qualification included.

Traineeship + Yachtmaster Prep

£7,950

For applicants with existing qualifying sailing experience, where we can include a Yachtmaster Preparation Week.

Included as standard

- RYA Competent Crew
- RYA Day Skipper Theory
- RYA Day Skipper
- RYA Yachtmaster Theory
- RYA Coastal Skipper
- RYA Powerboat Level 2
- RYA VHF Radio
- RYA First Aid
- Two Channel crossings (or equivalent miles)
- Practical marine experience
- Mentoring

External RYA examination fees are paid directly to the RYA by the trainee and are not included in the programme price.

How to apply

1. **Get in touch**
   Email us or use the contact form at saltysailing.co.uk/contact.
2. **Tell us about you**
   Who you are, any sailing you've done, and what you hope to get from it.
3. **Before 1st January**
   Applications close 1st January 2027. There's only one place.

Apply now

Ready to get on the water?

One place. Applications close 1st January 2027.
Get in touch to apply or ask any questions.

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