

COURSE JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for booking this course and welcome to BH Marine! As an RYA accredited centre we aim to provide you with expert tuition through our experienced and friendly instructors. We pride ourselves on being an outstanding provider of training with the principle aim of keeping you safe on the water. In order to get the most out of your day please read the information below.

COURSE LOCATION

Courses are run from either Weymouth or Portland Marina. See below for the location as to which marina you'll be based out of.

By Car. Parking is available at surrounding car parks at both Weymouth and Portland marinas. Unfortunately, there is no available parking at the marina. For Weymouth we suggest using the Weymouth Multi Story Car Park (for a total cost of £40 for 5 days and booking [here](#)). For Portland, there is a car park adjacent to the marina car park and is controlled via parking eye. BH Marine students are able to obtain a discount code from Portland Marina which gives a 50% discount for the period of 12 hours, equating to £8 per 12 hour period. Obtain a voucher from Portland Marina rather than paying in advance on the "Just Park" app (otherwise the app will charge you full price).

By Train. The nearest train station for both locations is Weymouth.

- If on a sailing course based out of Weymouth Marina, the marina is a 10-minute walk from the train station.
- If on a motor course based out of Portland Marina, the marina is a 10-minute drive from Weymouth train station. The options to get to Portland Marina are:
 - **Taxi:** unfortunately, Weymouth doesn't have Uber yet, however there are local taxi companies such as:
 - Fleetline Taxis – 01305 777333
 - Weyline Taxis – 01305 777777
 - Weymouth Station Taxis – 01305 788888

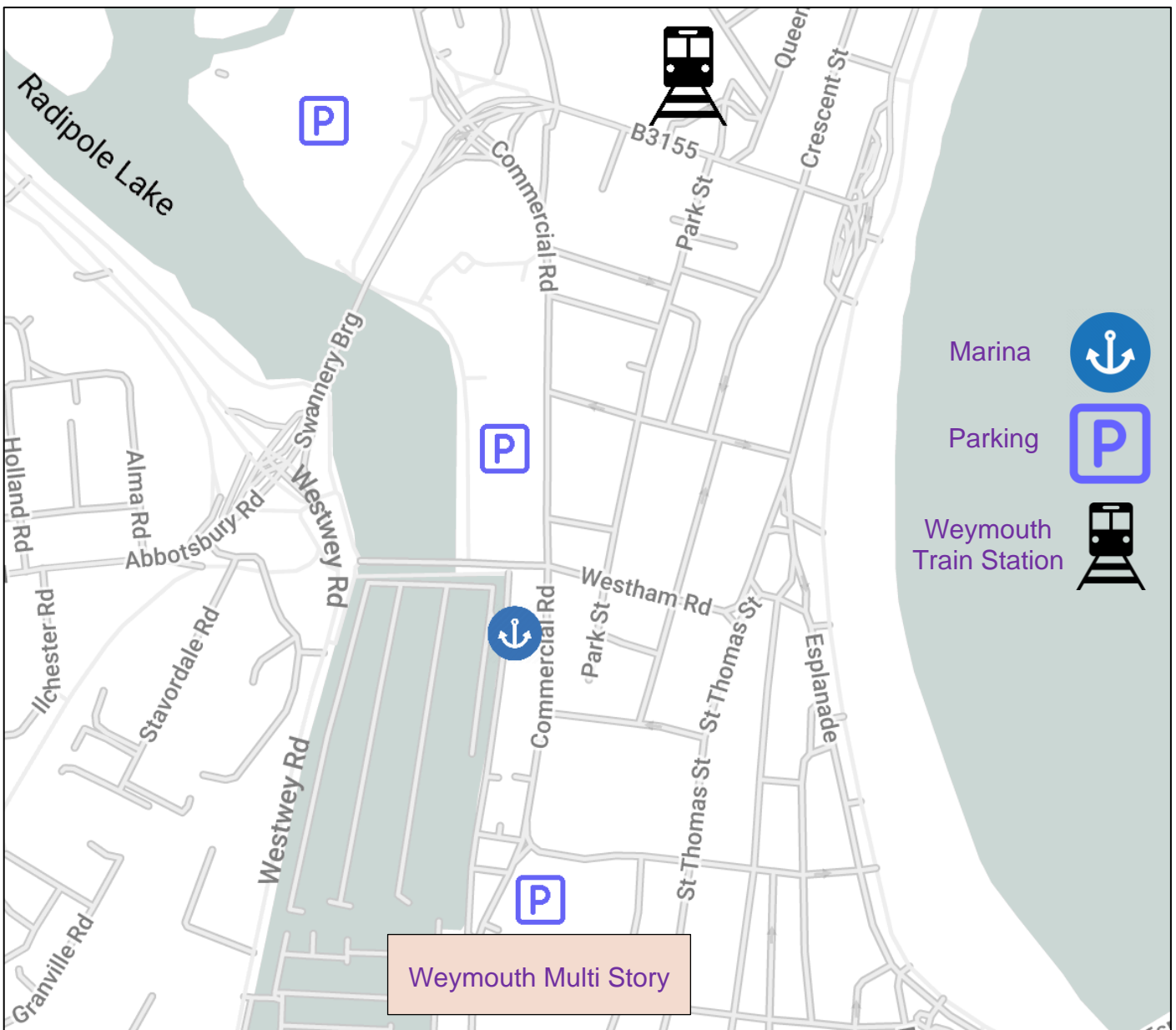


- **Bus:** the number 1 bus stops right outside the train station which will take you to Portland Marina. Please check this [LINK](#) for the route map. The stop you'll need is the "National Sailing Academy" stop. From here it is a short walk to Portland Marina.

Sailing Practical Courses. This includes Start Sailing Level 1, Competent Crew, Day Skipper Practical, Coastal Skipper Practical, YM Offshore. The sailing yacht is based at Weymouth Marina:

<https://www.boatfolk.co.uk/weymouth-marina-dorset>

Weymouth Marina, 70 Commercial Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8NA



BHmarine

RYA boat training, RIB charter, yacht management and marine consultancy

WWW.BHMARINE.CO.UK | 07515 663799



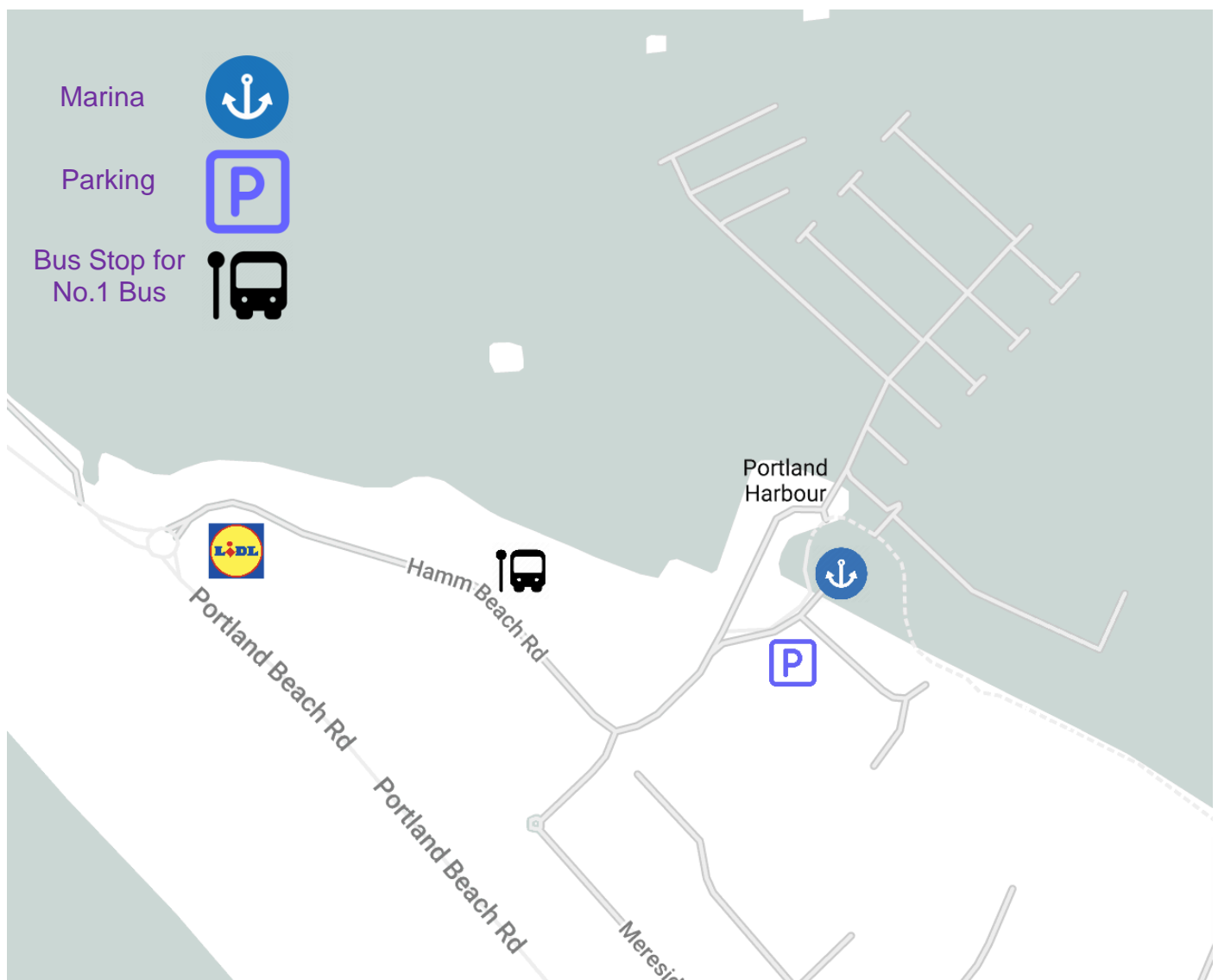
Unit 6 Granby Court,
Surrey Close,
Granby Industrial Estate,
Weymouth
DT4 9XB

Motor Practical Courses. This includes Day Skipper Practical (Motor), Coastal Skipper Practical (Motor), YM Offshore (Motor), Helmsman, Start Motor Cruising, Safety Boat, Powerboat Level 1, Powerboat Level 2. The motor boat is based at Portland Marina: Start time is 09:30am - 16:30pm with an hour for lunch.

<https://www.boatfolk.co.uk/portland-marina-dorset>

Portland Marina, Osprey Quay, 6 Hamm Beach Road, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1DX.

Please park in the right hand side carpark not for berth holder and obtain a parking discount at the marina reception as a BH Marine student.



BHmarine

RYA boat training, RIB charter, yacht management and marine consultancy

WWW.BHMARINE.CO.UK | 07515 663799



Unit 6 Granby Court,
Surrey Close,
Granby Industrial Estate,
Weymouth
DT4 9XB

COURSE DETAILS

Timings. If completing a weekday course, the course will commence at 09:00 for Sail and 09:30am for motor cruising on the Monday and finish by 17:00pm on the Friday (Note motor cruising courses will run up to 16:30pm with an hour for lunch and we finish on a Thursday). We will meet at the marina office (either Weymouth or Portland depending on whether a motor or sailing course) on day 1 of the course.

If completing a weekend course, the course will commence at 0900 on Saturday and finish by 1700 on the Sunday. We will meet at the marina office (either Weymouth or Portland depending on whether a motor or sailing course) on day 1 of the course.

Please let us know if you will be late by phoning the office on 01305 564 204 or 07515 663799.

Victualing/Provisions. We provide breakfast, lunch and snacks for the duration of the course for sail only. For evening meals, you can cook for yourself on the boat or there are many restaurants in Weymouth town (a 5 min walk from the marina) or at Portland marina itself. Should we go further afield than Weymouth/Portland, all berthing fees are covered in the course fee.



COURSE STRUCTURE

A 5-day course will typically follow the structure below, allowing for maximum time on the water to advance your skills.

Competent Crew/Day Skipper/Coastal Skipper

- **Day 1:** Introductions to personnel and to the vessel including a safety brief. As any good seafarer knows, food is the most important thing, so we will also include a trip to the local supermarket to stock up on breakfasts, lunches and snacks for the week, known as victualing. It is down to the crew on the boat to decide what food is required.
- **Day 2-4:** Time on the water for various skills and requirements for the course you're doing, with varying evening finish times to include specified night hours.
- **Day 5:** A morning on the water with an early return in the afternoon to commence "putting the boat to bed" involving cleaning and tidying inside and on deck. Followed most importantly by a debrief and certificate giving!

Yacht Master Offshore Prep

The structure for the YM prep week is more difficult to define but broadly for YM Sail the prep week will run from Mon-Thu with the exam on Fri (dependent on weather and customer requirements) and for YM Motor the prep week will run from Mon-Wed with the exam on Thu. Instead, it is better to focus on the YM syllabus. It is key to note that this is not a teaching course, but more of a demonstration of skills which we can help you brush up on. It is strongly recommended the candidate has completed the Coastal Skipper and YM Offshore Theory Course prior to their attendance for the prep week.

During the week we will cover close quarter skills, boat handling. demonstrating the ability to run and look after a crew and ensuring your skills are at the level required to be a YM. We will also go through some of the theory required as well as chart work exercises. It is required that the candidate will complete a passage plan and pilotage, given by the examiner prior to the exam.



We can discuss any specific queries prior to attendance or on the morning of the prep week.

RIB and Small Craft

- **Day 1:** Introductions to personnel and to the vessel including a safety brief. For a 2 day course you will need to bring your own lunches and snacks for the duration of the course. Tea and coffee will be provided.
- **Day 2:** Continuation of training out on the water. The course will finish by 1800 on the second day.

ACCOMMODATION

If completing a multiday course, your accommodation will be on the Sailing Vessel (SV) Seas the Day. The vessel is a 1998 38ft Bavaria located at Weymouth Marina. It has 3 double cabins, 2 heads, a galley and saloon area. The boat has diesel heating and bar radiators in each cabin, a smart TV with Amazon Prime and Netflix, its own boat Wi-Fi and USB and power sockets in each cabin. The marina has fully functioning hot water showers and toilet facilities.



BHmarine

RYA boat training, RIB charter, yacht
management and marine consultancy

WWW.BHMARINE.CO.UK | 07515 663799



Unit 6 Granby Court,
Surrey Close,
Granby Industrial Estate,
Weymouth
DT4 9XB

EQUIPMENT AND THINGS TO BRING

Living onboard a boat is a different environment to living in a house. Space is limited on a boat so there needs to be more consideration about what to bring onboard. Think camping/caravanning and you're on the right lines. Below is a suggested list of things to bring with you on your course:

Item	Remarks
Bag/Sleeping	
Soft shell duffle bag	No hard topped suitcases as we're unable to store them on the boat due to limited space.
Sleeping bag	As no bedding is provided.
Pillow and case	
Clothing	
Waterproof jacket	Doesn't have to be marine specific but does have to be waterproof.
Waterproof trousers	
Waterproof shoes	Wellies are an appropriate option to ensure dry feet.
Spare pair of shoes	For evening/non sailing.
Fleeces	To go under your waterproof jacket. It can be significantly colder at sea than on land.
Activewear trousers	Walking trousers or tracksuits. Not jeans as they take a long time to dry when wet.
T-Shirts	
Socks/Underwear	
Gloves	Preferably waterproof gloves rather than fabric.
Warm hat	Can be greatly appreciated in cold weather.
Cap	Ensure a method to attach the cap to your jacket as many a good cap have been taken by a gust.
Going ashore clothes	For evenings if required.
Additional	
Towel	
Wash kit	
Head torch	Preferably with a red-light filter too for night activity
Notebook/pen	
Sunglasses	There can be a lot of glare from the water, even when the sun isn't shining.
Suncream	
Medication if required	Please inform your instructor on the first day if you're taking routine medication.
Phone charger	
Passport sized photo for your course certificate	Not required for Competent Crew.
We Provide	

BHmarine

RYA boat training, RIB charter, yacht management and marine consultancy

WWW.BHMARINE.CO.UK | 07515 663799



Unit 6 Granby Court,
Surrey Close,
Granby Industrial Estate,
Weymouth
DT4 9XB

Life Jackets	
Chart Equipment	Charts, almanac, tidal atlas, Portland chart plotter, pencils, dividers, hand bearing compass.

PRE-COURSE TRAINING AND EXPECTATIONS

Course notes and expectations can be found on the initial booking page and are linked below.

- [Competent Crew](#)
- [Day Skipper Sail](#)
- [Day Skipper Motor](#)
- [Coastal Skipper Sail](#)
- [Coastal Skipper Motor](#)
- [YM Offshore](#)
- [Advanced Pilotage](#)
- [Helmsman Practical](#)
- [Start Motor Cruising](#)
- [Safety Boat](#)
- [Powerboat Level 1](#)
- [Powerboat Level 2](#)

Weather apps that might be useful to download prior to the course start:

- Windy
- XC Weather
- Windguru
- Met Office inshore forecast

Expectations. Living in a confined space even for 5 days can be challenging. Being at sea relies on everyone getting on and working together as a team. As such, the expectation is that all chores and duties will be shared amongst the crew. These will involve food preparation (lunches), cleaning (including the galley area and the heads) and putting the boat to bed after a day at sea. On the final day there will be a scrub down of the boat and the expectation is everyone will help with the prescribed activities. This is part of learning to live at sea.

FORMS TO COMPLETE

- [Medical Waiver](#) – please complete the form prior to the course start date.

We hope you have an enjoyable and successful course with BH Marine. Our instructors will keep you updated with your progress throughout the course, but if you have any specific queries then please discuss these with the instructor on the first day, or call the office prior to start date.



All the best and many thanks for booking with BH Marine.

