

## **C-MASTERS – RYA Day Skipper motor cruising joining instructions**

Thank you for booking this course with C-MASTERS.

### **Information on the course**

The RYA Day Skipper motor cruising course is a 4 day non-residential course for aspiring skippers who have some yachting experience, and who are proficient on basic navigation and handling a motor yacht. This course will teach you proper motor handling skills, practical navigation and taking control over the yacht and your crew during daytime passages. The course is provided in English.

Step by step, you will get introduced and will practice new skills. At the end of the course you should achieve a level of seamanship and boat handling up to the standard required to skipper a small cruising yacht safely by day in familiar tidal and non-tidal waters under normal conditions. You should also have visited some of the many interesting places in Zeeland or the coast. This course will provide you with a good foundation for many years of confident cruising.

Your course will take place on board of our 41-foot training yacht.

This is a non-residential course. Overnight accommodation on board is not included.

The envisioned dates of the course are subject to the weather conditions and at the discretion of the instructor and the principal of our RYA training centre. We generally run courses at conditions up to 5 BF and a moderate sea state.

The elements of your course are:

- ✓ Preparation for sea,
- ✓ boat handling,
- ✓ navigation,
- ✓ pilotage,
- ✓ passage making,
- ✓ meteorology,
- ✓ rules of the road,
- ✓ engines,
- ✓ emergency situations,
- ✓ introduction to night cruising.

### **Participants**

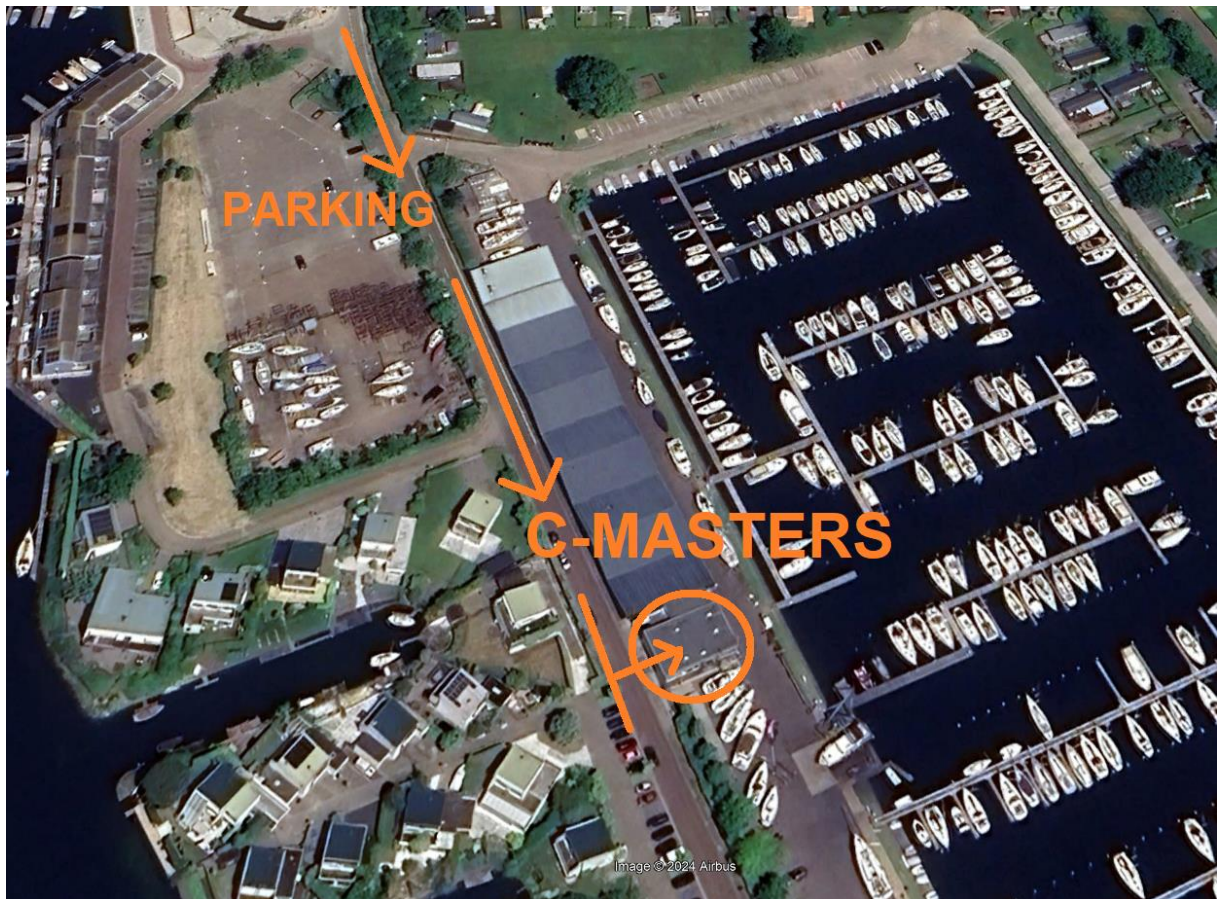
The number of participants is limited to 4 persons, accompanied by one of our RYA certified RYA Instructors. On occasions, we allow an extra participant to join the course on board.

## Timings

The first course day will start at 1000 hrs and the last course day will end at 1600 hrs.

## Where should we meet?

C-MASTERS classroom  
Delta Marina  
Veerdam 3  
4484 NV Kortgene, The Netherlands



Our C-MASTERS facilities in Kortgene consists of our classrooms on the first floor of the main building of the marina (above the ship chandler's shop) and our Diesel Engine course location on the ground floor, as shown on the below map.

Our powerboat is moored at pontoon V4. Our motor yacht on pontoon C.

Parking is free at street and on the main parking of the marina.

### **What's included in my course?**

All practical motor cruising courses are inclusive of lunch on board, tuition by our RYA instructor, all mooring fees, and all cost of fuel.

C-MASTERS Musto foul weather gear, gloves, woollen hats and boots are available to be used for FREE during your course.

We expect our students to assist in cleaning the vessel at the end of the course

Accommodation for overnight stay is not included in this course. However, we can certainly provide you with a list of nice accommodation in our area for staying overnight ashore.

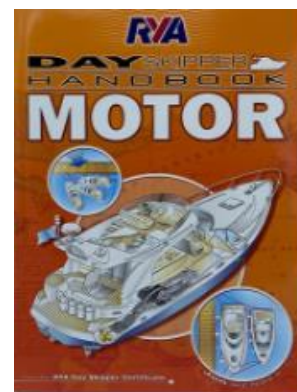
### **How should I prepare for my course ?**

*In order to participate in this course, it is essential that your theoretical knowledge on navigation and seamanship is recent and at the level of Day Skipper shorebased or equivalent. There is simply not enough time during your intensive practical course to teach you the basics of navigating on tidal water.*

Next to having sufficient theoretical knowledge, it's also beneficial to already acquire an understanding of some of the practical Day Skipper skills. We recommend reading the RYA Day Skipper handbook motor (G97) before the start of your course. This booklet can be bought as a printed version and as eBook at the [RYA webshop](https://www.rya.org.uk/Shop/Day-Skipper-Handbook-Motor-G97). Alternatively, you may find this booklet at online shops such as Amazon. The printed version can also be purchased at our centre on the first day of your course.

Please make sure to take the time to read the handbook in preparation of your course, in particular the following chapters:

- Handling under power
- IRPCS
- Mooring
- Passage planning and pilotage
- Weather
- Safety



### **How do I know that I'm sufficiently prepared for this practical training course ?**

We have produced a Pre-course Knowledge Quiz where you can test your theoretical knowledge and self-assess whether you need more studies in the different areas. We recommend to do the quiz several weeks before joining your practical training, after having revisited your theoretical knowledge. Please note that the outcome of the Quiz does not give access to a RYA certificate.

The Quiz consists of 50 questions of which the majority is multiple choice. You have 90 minutes to complete all questions. After completing the last question, your score will be shown plus corrections. The results will also be emailed to you.

[The Pre-course Knowledge Quiz can be accessed via this link.](#)

A minimum score of 70% provides you with a Quiz completion certificate. In the unfortunate case that your score would stay below 70%, we will be able to offer you supporting courses to help you obtaining the necessary solid foundation of your theory knowledge before joining the RYA Day Skipper practical course, e.g. one of our RYA online theory courses or a short navigation refresher course.

We also have a selection of RYA books and chartwork tools (plotter, divider etc) available for sale at our training centre.

Just send us an email for advice on courses and materials. We are committed to help you to make your upcoming practical course a great success.

### **What should I wear?**

Warm layers and foul weather gear in case of a bit of rain or cold ! It is easier to cool down than to warm up. Soft white/grey soled waterproof shoes i.e. trainers are definitely best.

Sets of high quality C-MASTERS Musto BR2 sailing gear (jacket, trousers, boots, woollen hats and gloves) are available FOR FREE on request. Our C-MASTERS Musto foul weather gear sets are very comfortable, especially on a cold or windy day.

Please make sure to reserve a set in advance to ensure your size is available.

### **Do I need any specialised equipment?**

All safety equipment and lifejackets can be found on board.

### **What else do I need to bring?**

In addition to what is outlined above, you will need to bring;

- Your personal RYA Syllabus/logbook (if you have one already; otherwise we will give you one)
- RYA Day Skipper handbook motor cruising (optional)
- Pre-course knowledge quiz certificate (optional)
- Water bottle
- Passport or ID card
- Photo (size 40 x 30 mm)
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Any medication you are taking for the duration of the course
- And a sense of humour 😊

Make sure to properly protect your electronics (phone, tablet, camera etc), and please use soft bags to pack your clothing and personal gear. Suitcases and hard travel bags are not welcome on board.

### **Health and wellbeing**

We care about your health and wellbeing. It is therefore important that we are aware of any medical issues that require extra attention. You will be requested to fill in a health declaration form on the first day of your course. Your medical information will be deleted at the end of the course.

### **Any questions ?**

We hope you are looking forward to your course. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

*See you soon on board !*