PSS Yachtmaster Training Route Cost Comparison

Stage	Course Name	Aim	PSS Budget YM Training Route	Total Cost	PSS Slowtrack YM Training Route	Total Cost	Miles	Days	Night Hours	Days as Skipper
Crew Skills	Taster Day	To get sailing for the first time, helming, tacking and gybing	Taster day @ Solidarity rate*	£80	Taster day	£120	20	1		
	Start Sailing	Cover Competent Crew, live onboard	Join PSS, Crew for a PSS member	£80	Start Sailing weekend (PSS Membership)	£432	40	2		
	Competent Crew	Build miles on a longer trip, make sure you like it before taking it further!	Crew for a PSS member	£0	Additional weekend (or crew on affordable Charter) or 3 day weekend to complete Competent Crew course	£432	60	2	4	
				£160		**£552**	**120**	**5**	**4**	
Theory	:earn about Navigation, tides, COLREGS, safety	Enable you to skipper and navigate safely for all your future practical courses	Self taught to YM Theory level**	0	Read Day Skipper book, Online YM Theory	£280	None - Theory will take about 50 hrs			
	VHF	Required for usage of VHF (SRC) radio	VHF (SRC) Course + Exam	£190	VHF (SRC) Course + Exam	£190				
				£190		**£280**				
Skippering Fundamentals	Day Skipper	Starting to develop your skippering style and improve your sailing skills. Gain the confidence to take a boat out in familiar waters for day sails in good conditions in the UK and in the Med.	Focused training with PSS member, followed by ICC Exam weekend @ Solidarity rate	£280	Day Skipper/ICC Course	£1,050	150	5	4	
	Voyage	Experience of sailing in unfamiliar waters and exploring under sail	Crew for a PSS member, RORC race crew?	£0	PSS Voyage	£1,300	300	7	4	
	Introduction to Skippering without an instructor onboard	Start skippering in familiar waters	PSS Affordable charter (shared with 4) or Med Charter	£250	PSS Affordable charter (shared with 4) or Med Charter	£250	200	5	4	2
	(optional) Dinghy sailing?	Develop wind awareness	Volunteer as crew at local sailing club	£0	Dinghy course with local club	£300	0	0	0	
				£530		**£2,900**	**650**	**17**	**12**	**2**
		Running Total:	**PSS Budget YM Training Route**	**£880**	**PSS Slowtrack YM Training Route**	**£3,732**	**770**	**22**	**16**	**2**
Additional training	Maintenance	Gain understanind of how to maintain diesel engine, electronics, plumbing rigging and fibreglassing so that you can maintain your boat	Volunteer to assist boat owner	0	Diesel Engine course and maintenance course (we can recommend one)	£280	n/a			
	First Aid	Basic First Aid Course - required for YM Exam	RYA First Aid Course	£120	RYA First Aid Course	£120				
				£120		**£280**				
Intermediate	Developing your skippering abilities	Gain the skills and confidence required to skipper a boat in unfamiliar waters at night in mixed conditions.	PSS 7 Day Coastal Skipper @ Solidarity rate***	£700	PSS 7 Day Coastal Skipper Course	£1,300	250	7	12	1
	Mile builder	Experience watch keeping on longer offshore overnight voyages.	Crew for a PSS member	£0	PSS Milebuilder voyage	£1,300	650	9	20	1
	60NM Passages x5 including 2 as skipper	Achieve 5x 60NM passages for YM Offshore exam	Access to a boat/ boat share?	£0	PSS Affordable charter (shared with 4)	£250	400	7	10	2
	Adventure Voyaging as skipper	Build miles and develop confidence as Skipper	Access to a boat/ boat share?	£0	Large vessel charter (shared with 4)	£650	400	7	10	7
				£700		**£3,500**	**1700**	**30**	**52**	**11**
		Running Total:	**PSS Budget YM Training Route**	**£1,700**	**PSS Slowtrack YM Training Route**	**£7,512**	**2470**	**52**	**68**	**13**
Advanced	YM Prep	5 day intesive training to ensure consistent performance of all aspects of the YM Syllabus followed by 2 additional days for exam	Access to a boat/ boat share?	£0	PSS YM Prep course	£1,300	150	5	12	1
	YM Exam	External Examination	YM Exam fee	£286	YM Exam Fee	£286	0	0	0	0
				£286		**£1,586**	**150**	**5**	**12**	**1**
		Final Total:	**PSS Budget YM Training Route**	**£1,986**	**PSS Slowtrack YM Training Route**	**£9,098**	**2620**	**57**	**80**	**14**

* For more information about our Solidarity rates please go to www.sea.school/solidarity

** Neither Day Skipper Theory, or YM Theory are strictly required for you to take your RYA practical courses, you just have to be at a similar level, with a thorough understanding of tidal height calculations, able to do Course to Steer and work up an EP, COLREG's and safety knowledge. Having the RYA theory certificate is the easiest way to show that you have attained this level. If doing theory we urge our student to go straight for YM/Coastal Skipper Theory as it covers most of what is in the Day Skipper Theory at a more advanced level.

*** To enjoy sailing in the UK If you are going to pay for just one practical course then we recommend Coastal Skipper, however, this could possibly be omitted if funds were limited.