

# RYA TRAINING: Shore based courses



## VHF/SRC COURSE SYLLABUS

Marine VHF radio is the best way of summoning help. You can contact the coastguard up to 50 miles offshore and talk to other yachts up to 15 to 20 miles on the open sea.

If you use a marine VHF radio onboard your yacht you require, by law, a radio operator's certificate. This is a 1-day course, which on completion, you will be a competent radio operator and know the correct procedure for distress, urgency, and safety by means of marine VHF DSC radio.

**Pre-course knowledge:** only phonetic alphabet

**Student number:** A maximum of 8 students per course. Early booking is advised.

### SECTION A: TOPICS COVERED

Regulations & procedures.

Ships licence and operator's certificate.

GMDSS including Sea Areas, MMSI and equipment.

Procedure for making distress, urgency, safety and routine calls.

The use of marine GMDSS VHF-DSC equipment in practice

### SECTION B: WHAT TO BRING

Candidates must bring along a current passport size photograph of themselves. There will be a short assessment towards the end of the day. Candidates will be sent their VHF-SRC operator's certificate from the RYA.

### SECTION C: PHONETIC ALPHABET

Knowledge of the phonetic alphabet is advised.

Alfa Bravo Charlie Delta Echo Foxtrot Golf Hotel India Juliet

Kilo Lima Mike November Oscar Papa Quebec Romeo

Sierra Tango Uniform Victor Whiskey X-ray Yankee Zulu