



## Fishing College Training Leaflet



### THE LAW - Mandatory Basic Safety Training for Commercial Fishers

ALL commercial fishers are required to attend one day courses covering sea survival, firefighting, first aid, health & safety and safety awareness. Your vessels insurance is invalid if all onboard do not have the required certificates.

### THE LAW – New Entrant Commercial Fishers

Merchant Shipping Notice No 1813(F) states that all new entrants to the commercial fishing industry must attend a one-day basic sea survival course, BEFORE going to sea for the first time. If the candidate then remains in the industry, basic health & safety, first aid and firefighting courses must be attended within 3 months. Once basic safety training is complete, the safety awareness & accident prevention course must be attended within the first 2 years of service.

### The Funding Situation - 2024

Seafish/MCA funds are available until the end of March, so refresher courses and voluntary skipper courses for commercial fishermen who have completed all of their basic safety training courses are continuing free of charge.

### Under 16.5m Skipper Certificate

This certificate is available to all experienced commercial fishers who have attended the courses in Bridge Watchkeeping, Engineering Watchkeeping, Stability Awareness and GMDSS Short Range Courses.

Applicants must have completed basic safety training as mentioned above.

**Bridge Watchkeeping – 5 day & 2 day – Free of Charge**  
**Marine Engineering – 4 day & 2 day – Free of Charge**  
**Stability Awareness – 2 day – Free of Charge**

The courses above can also be studied on-line at [seafishonlinetraining.co.uk](http://seafishonlinetraining.co.uk)

### GMDSS Short Range Radio – Free of Charge for eligible commercial fishers

This course is also required in order to qualify for the Skipper Ticket

For the Unrestricted (Gold) skipper cert, the 5 day bridge/engine courses are required.

For the Restricted (Silver) skipper cert, the 2 day bridge/engine courses are required.

Full details are contained in MGN 411 (M+F)

The above skipper courses are available for those not eligible for funding but are payable. Prices are listed below.

### Safety Training Courses - NOTE – All courses start 0845 completing by 1600 unless otherwise stated

#### Sea Survival, Portland, Eastbourne, dates below

At the Osprey Leisure Centre, Castletown, Portland, and The Learning Centre, Fishermens Quay, Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne, BN23 5UY completing by 4.30pm. The course consists of lectures, films and demonstrations on safety procedures and survival equipment, with a "wet drill" in the swimming pool in the afternoon. A clean change of clothing is required for the wet drill. All other equipment is supplied. **Cost, £180, payable on booking.**

#### New Entrant Health & Safety, Lyme Regis Eastbourne Portsmouth, dates below

At the Cobb Centre, Lyme Regis, and the Learning Centre, Fishermens Quay, Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne, BN23 5UY, and the Fountain Lake Sea Angling Club, Whale Island Way, Portsmouth, PO1 8EB completing by 4pm. **This course is mandatory for all new entrants** and covers basic health & safety issues and safety practices in a dangerous work environment. Topics also include safety equipment/clothing and accident prevention. **Cost: £140, payable on booking.**

#### First Aid, Lyme Regis, Eastbourne, Portsmouth, dates below

At the Fishing College, The Cobb, Lyme Regis, and The Learning Centre, Fishermens Quay, Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne, BN23 5UY, and the Fountain Lake Sea Angling Club, Whale Island Way, Portsmouth, PO2 8EB, completing around 4pm. The day consists of lectures, films and practical demonstrations on all the latest first aid techniques, together with practical sessions on CPR and bandaging etc. The course also includes a module on Category C medical stores, IAW MGN147. **Cost - £140, payable on booking.**

#### Basic Firefighting, Eastbourne, Lyme Regis, dates below

At the Fishing College, Lyme Regis, and The Learning Centre, Fishermens Quay, Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne, BN23 5UY. The morning consists of lectures and films on fire prevention and firefighting techniques, followed by a fire drill in the afternoon, where each candidate will gain valuable experience using the various extinguishers on real fires. Wet weather gear may be required, and old clothing is advised due to smoke etc. Safety boots/protective footwear recommended. **Cost - £140 payable on booking.**

#### Safety Awareness, Lyme Regis, Eastbourne, dates below

At the Fishing College, Lyme Regis, and the Learning Centre, Fishermens Quay, Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne And Whale Island Fishing Club, completing by 4pm. **This course is mandatory for all experienced fishers**, and covers aspects of how accidents happen, with guidelines on how to prevent them and how to minimise damage and injury when they do happen. Guidance on risk assessment is also included, which may help with insurance applications and claims. A risk assessment manual is issued free of charge on the day.(subject to availability) **Cost, £140, payable on booking.**

## Courses leading to the issue of the Under 16.5m Skipper Certificate

### GMDSS Short Range Radio (SRC), Lyme Regis, dates below

Held at the fishing college on the Cobb, Lyme Regis, DT7 3JJ. The day consists of lectures and demonstrations on general theory and voice procedures for using VHF radio, with practical sessions on voice procedures and use of GMDSS DSC radios in the afternoon. This is followed by the exam later in the afternoon, completing around 1800. **Cost - £260, payable on booking, including the RYA exam fee. Free of charge for eligible fishers. Please note, a passport photo is required for your certificate.**

### Intermediate and Advanced Stability Awareness, dates below

Held at the fishing college the Cobb, Lyme Regis. Poole Harbour Commissioners Training Suite, Poole Port, and the Learning Centre, Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne. Due to continuing accidents involving stability of fishing vessels, this course has been introduced free of charge for all eligible commercial fishermen. The course covers aspects of how stability problems happen, with practical demonstrations using a scale model fishing vessel. **Cost: £160 per day, payable on booking. Free for eligible fishers.**

### Bridge Watchkeeping, 5 or 2 day, dates below

Held at the Fishing College, Lyme Regis. Poole Harbour Commissioners Training Suite, Poole Port, and the Learning Centre, Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne The course covers aspects of navigation, collision avoidance regulations, and many other useful tips on bridge watchkeeping. The two day course is aimed at fishermen operating up to 20 miles, and the 5 day course is more advanced, for those wishing to operate beyond 20 miles. **Cost: £795/£395. Free for eligible fishers.**

### Engine Watchkeeping, 5 or 2 day, Dates below.

Held at the Fishing College, Lyme Regis. Poole Harbour Commissioners Training Suite, Poole Port, and the Learning Centre, Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne The 5 day course qualifies for the issue of the MCA 30 hour certificate, and the 2 day course qualifies for the Seafish Engineeroom Watchkeeping certificate. Full information supplied on request. **Costs - £895/£395. Free for eligible fishers.**

**Seafish on-line Training - tutorials and mock exams** are available at [seafishonlinetraining.co.uk](http://seafishonlinetraining.co.uk) Final exams are available at £25 per exam, Please contact us for guidance and when you are ready to sit the exam this will be arranged at a mutually convenient time and location.

Please note ALL COURSE DATES AND TIMINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE

Booking information

Post:: The Training Co-ordinator,  
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COURSE	DATE	LOCATION
Bridge Watchkeeping, 5 Days	Mon-Fri 12-16 Feb	Lyme Regis
Safety Awareness	Mon 19 Feb	Lyme Regis
Stability, Experienced Fishers	Tue 20 Feb	Lyme Regis
Stability, Advanced	Wed 21 Feb	Lyme Regis
Safety Awareness	Sat 9 March	Eastbourne
Basic Health & Safety	Sun 10 Mar	Eastbourne
Elementary First Aid	Mon 11 Mar	Eastbourne
Basic Sea Survival	Tue 12 Mar	Eastbourne
Stability, Experienced	Tue 12 Mar	Eastbourne
Basic Firefighting	Wed 13 Mar	Eastbourne
Stability, Advanced	Wed 13 Mar	Eastbourne
Stability, Experienced	Mon 18 Mar	Portsmouth
Stability, Advanced	Tue 19 Mar	Portsmouth
Safety Awareness	Wed 20 Mar	Mudford
Introduction to Fishing, 15 days	15-29 April	Lyme Regis
Basic Health & Safety	Tue 16 Apr	Lyme Regis
Elementary First Aid	Thur 18 Apr	Lyme Regis
GMDSS Short Range Course (SRC)	Sat 20 Apr	Lyme Regis
RYA Radar	Sun 21 Apr	Lyme Regis
Basic Sea Survival	Wed 24 Apr	Portland
Basic Firefighting	Fri 26 Apr	Lyme Regis