

Marine Radio (SRC)

> *A course for anyone who owns a fixed or handheld marine VHF radio.*

The Short Range Certificate is the minimum qualification required by law to control the operation of VHF and VHF Digital Selective Calling (DSC) equipment on any British flagged vessel voluntarily fitted with a radio. This includes both fixed and hand held equipment using International channels.

A radio is an important piece of safety equipment on board and it is vital to understand the correct procedures. Unnecessary transmissions could block out a Mayday distress call.

All new VHF sets are either fitted, or can be interfaced, with DSC allowing calls to specific vessels. If you hold the 'old' VHF licence (pre-1999) you need to upgrade your qualification if you purchase new equipment. This can be done by attending this one-day course or completing the RYA online course and then attending an examination at a RYA Training Centre.

Course topics include:

- the basics of radio operation
- the correct frequencies (channels) to be used
- distress, emergency and medical assistance procedures
- Digital Selective Calling (DSC) using simulators
- Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
- Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB)
- Personal Locator Beacons (PLB)
- Search and Rescue (SART)

The course will be taught and examined using radio simulators. The exam will also include a short written test.

The SRC course can be taken in the classroom or online with an RYA recognised training centre. The exam must be taken at the training centre.
Liverpool Sailing Club can now offer the online course, but if you have done the online course elsewhere, we are happy to offer the examination only.

Costs

Course £100 to include the RYA SRC Course Pack and refreshments.

The examination fee is £76 payable seperately to the RYA

(surcharges may apply for sole examination only bookings)