

One day course - Responsibilities of operating or skippering a commercial vessel

Whether you are a skipper, owner, operator or crew, there are responsibilities when you venture afloat and these increase when the boat operates commercially. The principles of commercial operation are very similar the world over; the overriding principle is safety and how you manage it.

Whilst there is often much written about what equipment to carry, there is precious little about what laws apply to you and the detail of your responsibilities.

In this course we hope to give an overview of regulations and guidance on what is required for safe operation so you can identify your responsibilities to the boat and those around you.

The course is useful to all commercial operators, skippers and crew from commercial RIBS and day sailors up to 200GT vessels.

The programme covers:

The rule makers

- International and European legislation
- UK and National law

Regulators and you

- Flag state
- Governing bodies
- Local authorities
- Publications

International small craft regs

- SOLAS
- COLREGS
- STCW
- MARPOL
- COSWP
- MLC

UK small craft regulation

- Definitions and types of vessel
- Commercial/ Pleasure vessel
- Area of operation
- Codes of practice
- Vessel examination and certification
- Manning and certification

Operating vessels under another flag

- Licensing
- Certification and manning

Your responsibilities afloat

- Owner/operators responsibilities
- Skipper and crew responsibilities
- Safety management of vessel
- Health and safety
- Operational procedure
- Emergency procedures
- Accident reporting
- Record keeping

Going to sea

- Charter operators
- Safety briefing
- Requirements for passage planning
- Carriage of publications
- Working hours directive
- Logbook use
- VTS
- Salvage and Towage

Enforcement

- Inspection
- Prosecution

The law

- Section 100
- Section 58
- IRPCS
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Removal of Certification