

Summary of SRC changes with effect from 2 January 2014

Applies to:

- RYA training centres recognised to run the Marine Radio SRC Course
- RYA SRC Assessors

Classroom training

- Training time should be ten hours (as defined in the CEPT regulations) with up to three hours guided self-learning allowed. The centre advises the students what to pre-study, using the RYA VHF Handbook as a course book. Please note: this is up to three hours and **not** must be three hours, so may only be two hours self-learning and eight hours in classroom.
- Examination and training must be separated .i.e. a different examiner to instructor.
- An SRC assessor may instruct, or examine candidates, but must **not** teach SRC and examine SRC for the same candidate.
- The course pack price is currently £10 which includes the RYA VHF Handbook and the exam application form.
- Training centres will continue to set the course fees, administer course bookings and fees, and facilitate student exams.

Exam process

- We are not able to issue an 'Authority to Operate' to anybody under the age of 16, therefore under 16s are not eligible to take the exam. There is no reason why they cannot undertake the training though.
- **ONLY ORIGINAL** application forms will be accepted. Forms are to be distributed with the course packs, although a supply of spares will be available for assessors.
- Someone is eligible to take the exam if:
 - a) they have attended a classroom based training course and have evidence that they have completed the course i.e. exam application form signed by the instructor
 - b) they have a course completion unique number from an RYA Interactive course

Summary:

- Changes to required learning hours
- Separation of training and exams
- Minimum age for courses and exams
- New student pack
- New online course

Related documents:

TN 01-14 Marine Radio Short Range Certificate Course changes

TG 02-14 SRC Practical Assessment Guidance for Examiners

RYA Recognition Guidance Notes

For guidance on other areas of RYA Training see www.rya.org.uk/coursest raining/resources

c) they hold a restricted VHF certificate however we would recommend re-training/refresher training prior to taking the exam. The restricted VHF certificate number should be recorded on the exam application form for cross-referencing at RYA House.

- A list of examiners, per area will be available to all SRC centres. Centres will then coordinate exams locally with SRC assessors.

RYA Interactive (online) course

- This is a non-compulsory online option available to all SRC centres. Centres may apply now for recognition and their branded site on Interactive will be created. But final recognition approval will only be given when instructors have completed and familiarised themselves with the online course. Full pilot available from late November 2013.
- The online course also uses the RYA VHF Handbook as the course book with a course pack.
- Training centres will set course fees, although an enrolment fee of (currently) £10.50 plus VAT will be levied by the RYA for each online student registered on the course.
- Training centres arrange and facilitate the exams for students, which must take place face-to-face using training radios.
- Successful completion of the online course generates a unique ID number which enables verification and eligibility to take the exam.
- Assessors that provide remote coaching for interactive courses may examine candidates from the interactive course.