

## YA Powerboat Handlers Course

The **Yachting Australia Powerboat Handlers Course** is a comprehensive boating course offering both theory and onwater boat handling instruction. This course of approximately 20 hours is suitable for all skills levels from novice to expert with the emphasis on hands on training. The course is part of the nationally recognised Yachting Australia training scheme and is delivered by accredited instructors with extensive boating and training experience.

The **Powerboat Handlers course** is recognised by Transport Safety Victoria as an approved training course. Successful completion will allow students to apply at VicRoads for their Victorian Recreational Boat Licence without further testing (fees apply). Course topics include:

- Trip preparation: including use of safety equipment, emergency procedures, maintenance of motor & boat, fuel, anchoring, weather, vessel trim, marine knots & rope handling.
- Understanding Victorian Marine Regulations including the rules of the road, navigational marks, lights & signals and mandatory safety equipment
- Navigation session of approx. 3 hours using marine charts includes pilotage, setting a compass course, calculating tidal heights, determining trip time, distance & fuel usage

Onwater handling skills include:

- Low speed & high speed boat handling, approaching and leaving a mooring & jetty, securing a vessel using lines, anchoring, launch & recovery from a boat ramp & beach, trimming your vessel, man overboard recovery procedures
- Onwater handling takes place in variety of powerboats up to 6 metres in St Kilda harbor and Port Phillip. Session is approx 6 to 8 hours.

**Who should do this course?** Any person (novice and above) seeking practical boat handling skills and the knowledge to safely operate a recreational powerboat in Victoria. If you are wanting to buy a boat, improve your boating handling skills or learn to operate your family or Club boat safely this course is for you. The minimum student age is 12 years.

**Course format:** Subject to specific course dates and times outlined in the booking form. Weekend course: Friday evening, Saturday & Sunday. Part time course: 3 x evening onshore theory & practical exercises plus one day onwater boat handling on a weekend. A short 30 minute test & certificate will be issued **Students need to bring:** Lectures: notebook & pen, Onwater: wet weather gear, marine footwear, change of clothes, sunscreen, sun or warm hat.

**Course fee:** \$375 including all course materials including a powerboat text book and log book  
**Course location:** Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Pier Road, St.Kilda Melways MAP 57J9

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