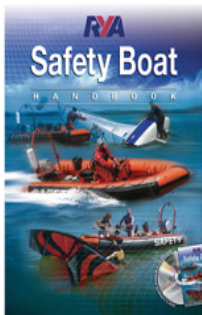


YA Safety Boat Operator Course

The Yachting Australia **Safety Boat Operator Course** is an 12 hour advanced boating course aimed at the experienced powerboat handler wanting to fine tune their skills for safety boat or instructor/coach work. Specifically the course is aimed at Race officers & onwater volunteers, instructors and coaches from yacht clubs and allied watersports. The course provides both theory and on-water practical skills to safely operate a powerboat as a safety boat in regatta or training course environment on enclosed waters. Course prerequisites apply.



Course topics include:

- Race management: Types of courses, position & tasking, rescue boat strategies
- Hazard identification: risk management; clothing & equipment choices
- Rescues: planning & rescue techniques for a variety of watercraft

Onwater handling skills include:

- Handling : standing off, coming alongside whilst underway, lee shore/kedging
- Race management: mark laying, recovery, position on course
- Towing methods: multiple, tows, towing alongside, race dinghies
- Rescue techniques: dinghies, windsurfers and other water craft

Who should do this course? The course is aimed at Race officers & onwater volunteers, Instructors and Coaches from yacht clubs, Outdoor Education and allied water sports. The minimum student age is 16 years. **Prerequisites:** YA Powerboat Handlers course or TL3, current Victorian RBOL *plus* logged time as powerboat crew/skipper over a minimum 6 month period. YA Powerboat log-books must be brought to this course for endorsement **Course format:** Refer specific course dates/times outlined in the booking form. The course includes one evening onshore (theory/practical exercises) and one day onwater boat handling **Students need to bring:** Lectures: notebook & pen, Onwater: wet weather gear, marine footwear, change of clothes, sunscreen, sun/warm hat. **Course location:** Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Pier Road, St.Kilda 3182 **Course fee:** \$295 includes RYA Safety Boat textbook & course certificate

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