

Start Powerboating Course Overview

Start Powerboating course is ideal introductory boating course offering both theory and onwater boat handling instruction. This 12 hour course is suitable for students and adults from 12 years with the emphasis on safety and boat 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. School holiday Start Powerboating courses for teens are also conducted.

The **Start Powerboating** course is also recognised in Victoria by Transport Safety Victoria as an approved boat training course. Successful completion will allow students to apply at Vic Roads for their restricted or full Victorian Recreational Boat Licence without further testing (Govt. fees apply). Restricted boat licences apply from 12 to 16 years.

Course topics include:

- Trip preparation including use of safety equipment, emergency procedures, maintenance of motor and boat, fuel, anchoring, weather, vessel trim.
- Understanding Victorian marine regulations including the rules of the road, navigational marks, lights & signals and mandatory safety equipment

Onwater handling skills including:

- Low speed & high speed handling, berthing to a mooring & jetty, securing a vessel, anchoring, launch & recovery from boat ramp, trimming vessel, MOB recovery
- Onwater handling takes place with experienced instructors in powerboats up to 6 metres in length in St Kilda harbor and the local waters of Port Phillip bay.

Who should do this course? This course is suited to the student seeking practical boat handling skills and the knowledge to safely operate a recreational powerboat in Victoria. If you are wanting get your boat licence, improve your boating handling skills or learn to operate your family boat safely, this course is for you. The minimum student age is 12 years. **Course format:** Marine training classroom at RMYS: theory & practical exercises, plus a short multiple choice exam. Half day onwater boat handling at St.Kilda **Students need to bring:** notebook & pen, wet weather gear, marine footwear, change of clothes, sunscreen, sun or warm hat, lunch & snacks, water bottle etc. **Course location:** Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Pier Road, St.Kilda Melways map 57 J9. **Course fee:** \$298 including including a Powerboat text book and log book

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