



# Welcome Pack



## Welcome

Welcome to Bacchus Yachting. This information pack, along with the download forms from our website, should help provide you with the joining information you require.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further questions you may have on 02392 520200.

## How to find us:

### By Land

For Satnav please use postcode PO12 1NU

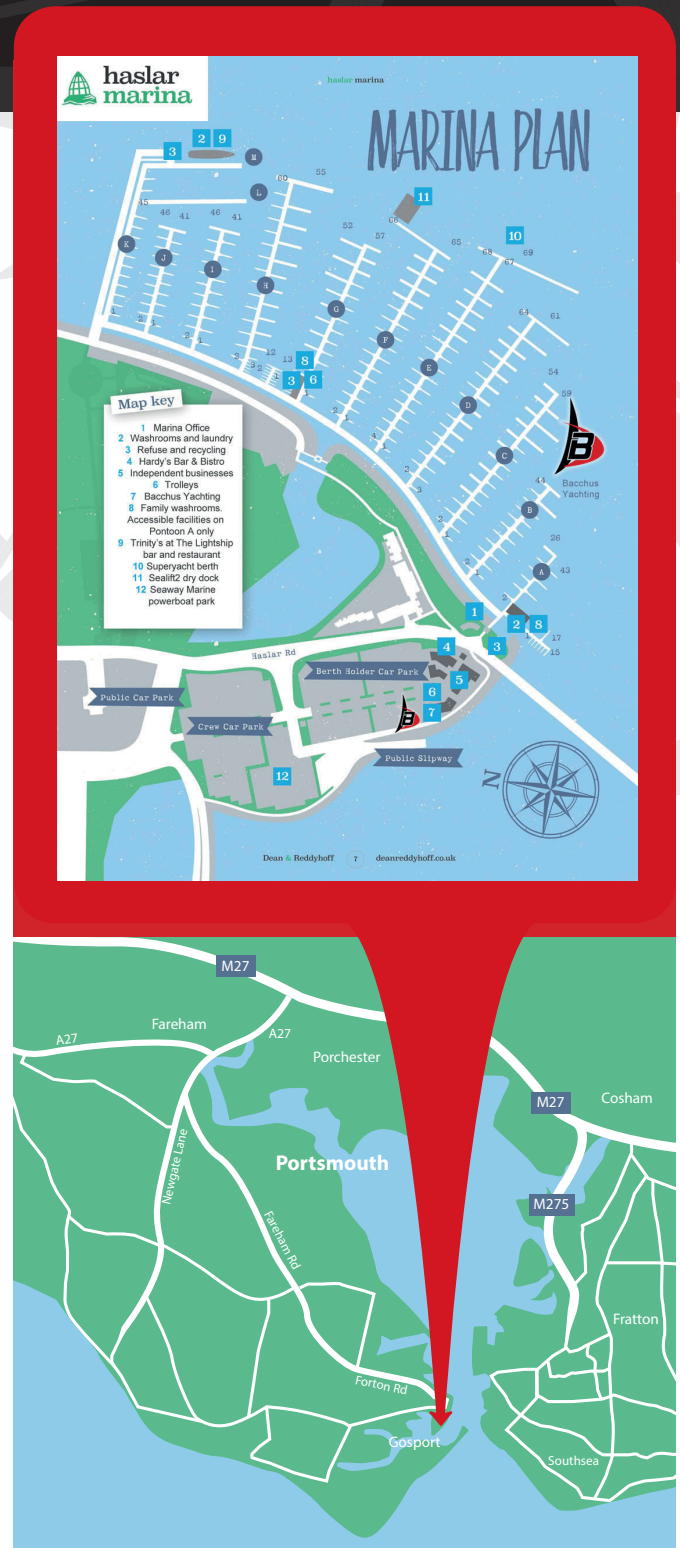
Haslar is eight miles from the M27, exit at junction 11 and take the A32 Mumby Road down to Gosport town centre. In the town centre, turn left onto Haslar Road opposite the George and Dragon pub. The entrance to our car park is on your right, marked by big green buoys. Visitors parking is to your right on entering the car park.

### By Train

Portsmouth Harbour station is just across the harbour from the marina, connected by the Gosport Ferry which runs from 5.30am to midnight every day. There are direct trains from London Waterloo, Southampton, Bristol and Brighton. When you disembark the ferry turn left and walk alongside the shoreline approx. 0.5 miles to the marina.

### By Air

Southampton Airport is west along the M27 and can be reached by taxi or train from Southampton Airport Parkway via Southampton Central train stations.



## Course Timings



### Practical Sailing Courses

Your course timings will have already been sent to you separately. Please do not arrive more than 30 minutes before the start time as we have a tight turn around of courses. Please meet at the office and join your fellow students.

Please note that we do not provide an evening meal on your first night. It will be possible to eat ashore on the first evening. During the summer, we may set sail that night, to make the most of light evenings and therefore not eat until late, so it is advisable to have a snack before you arrive. Fees include all food on board (except evening of joining & one other evening).

Mooring fees at home marinas only are included in the course fee. This gives the crew members the flexibility to decide whether to stay throughout the course, in a marina, on a mooring buoy or at anchor. We recommend that you will need to budget approximately £30 for a week, £20 for 5 days or £15 for a 3 day course for berthing.



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### Power Boat Courses

0900 start to approximately 1700 each day.

Please bring a packed lunch with you as we may stop on a mooring buoy or a river for lunch. If the weather will not allow this we will return back or possibly go to a local marina. Moorings are included on Powerboat Courses.



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### Shorebased Theory Courses

0900 start to approximately 1700 each day. Tea and Coffee will be available in the training room facilities.

Don't forget you are welcome to bring lunch with you, and use the facilities within the school. We have a relaxation area for your use.



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## What to expect from a Shorebased Course

These are held in our modern classroom and most days run from 0900 to approximately 1700, however please check your confirmation email for timings. Those completing Day Skipper and Coastal/Yachtmaster shorebased courses will also have a small amount of homework each evening. Overnight accommodation is not provided so if you would like a list of local accommodation please do ask. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided but lunch is not. There are plenty of local places to grab some lunch or there are facilities within the office for you to use, including a fridge and microwave, so you are welcome to bring your own lunch.

All necessary books and equipment are provided but please bring a notepad and pen. We have a comprehensive range of supplementary books available to purchase at the school.



## What to expect from a practical course afloat

Sailing is an exhilarating and challenging hobby and the aim of all our courses is to increase your enjoyment, confidence and understanding. If you are a beginner your experienced instructor will spend time to familiarise you with the yacht and it's facilities, ensuring you are comfortable before setting sail.

For the more experienced sailor your skipper will be interested to know what you expect from the course and what areas you want to learn or gain more experience in.

The first evening of a sailing course will normally be spent stowing away your kit and all the provisions for the course. Followed by a chat about the format for the course, likely ports of call and answering any general questions. On five day sailing courses we will normally go for a bar meal locally allowing the group to relax and get to know each other. On courses over the summer we will make the most of the weather and set sail on the first evening, weather and crew arrival times permitting.

Most nights will be spent in a different harbour and in most cases there will be the opportunity to go ashore to sample the local amenities as well as use marina facilities such as showers. During summer months we make the most of the weather and often anchor in a beautiful bay

or river somewhere. The instructor will of course give advance warning if this is the case to ensure you have everything you need from the shops etc.

Living on a cruising yacht is a very different environment from being at home and it can be a surprise to the less experienced! You will need to appreciate that space is certainly more limited, and use the storage carefully. You need to be very careful about the amount of water and electricity used. The yachts can hook up to shore power when berthed and this will be a chance to recharge all the appliances. Learning to live aboard is all part of the course.

You will work as a team and an efficient yacht means everyone has to be involved with the domestic chores such as cooking, cleaning and even making the tea. These duties are shared on a rota basis. At the end of the course you will all be included in "putting the boat to bed" which involves a final scrub down and clean.

Further details of your course content which can be accessed from the relevant course page of our website.

Our Instructors have many years of experience, and are there to ensure you get the most out of your course.



## Clothing...

Most practical courses involve some night sailing so even in summer bring some warm clothing i.e. thin thermal layers, long johns, fleece, woolly hat etc. In the summer don't forget sun block, hats, shorts and so on.

Clothes that are quick drying are preferable to jeans. We do not provide footwear so recommend deck shoes or trainers with good grip and non marking soles. In addition if it's likely to be a wet week then you may want to consider sailing boots.

You will also need to bring a wash kit and towel. All clothing should be packed in a soft holdall. We have space to stow bags if needed in the school. You may find it useful if you have your own torch and notepad. Come prepared for all the British climate has to offer! Wet weather gear and sleeping bags...

Good quality wet weather gear is vital, if you don't have your own you can hire this from us (booking advisable). We do not provide sleeping bags but we do have a small number for hire if needed. Please let us know in advance.

## Food and drink

On sailing courses the fees include all food and drink for the course except the evening of joining and one other meal out. Please note that we will cater for all allergies & intolerances and vegetarians/ vegans. Please let us know at the time of booking. We are unable to cater for a particular food fad due to constraints of the boat.

Cooking and the preparation of food onboard is everyones responsibility and part of seamanship. Don't worry if you're not a budding masterchef as the main meals are home cooked dishes that just needs re heating and side dishes are normally vegetables or rice.

For obvious safety reasons there is a strict no alcohol rule whilst at sea however once moored up at the end of the day please feel free to relax and enjoy a drink or two. Feel free to bring along your own tittle!





## Safety...

Your personal safety is of utmost importance. You will receive a full safety briefing onboard before sailing so please always follow the skipper's requests. The environment you are entering is very different from that ashore so it's important that safe thinking and practices are adopted by all. We all need to look after ourselves and each other. All required safety equipment is onboard each yacht however please feel free to bring your own equipment.

## Cancellation & Travel Insurance...

As per the Terms and Conditions we are unable to refund or change dates of a course within 28 days of the start date unless we can sell the space (see our t&c's online). Whilst the school carries full public liability insurance for its activities you should satisfy yourself that you are covered for personal injury and cancellation.

## Yachtmaster Exam Candidates

Although we cannot turn you in to a Yachtmaster Coastal or Offshore in five days, the preparation course will ensure you are aware of the scenarios the examiner will present you with and try and prepare you fully. Emphasis will be on working on your weaker areas during the week.

The examiner will join the boat on the Friday evening and the exams will normally continue through until late Saturday or mid morning Sunday. Please remember to bring your log book, passport photo, First Aid certificate and radio license. You can pay the exam fee by cheque or credit card directly to the RYA.



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**We wish you a fantastic time during your course with Bacchus Yachting. We are here to help so if you have any questions please speak to a member of the team.**

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