



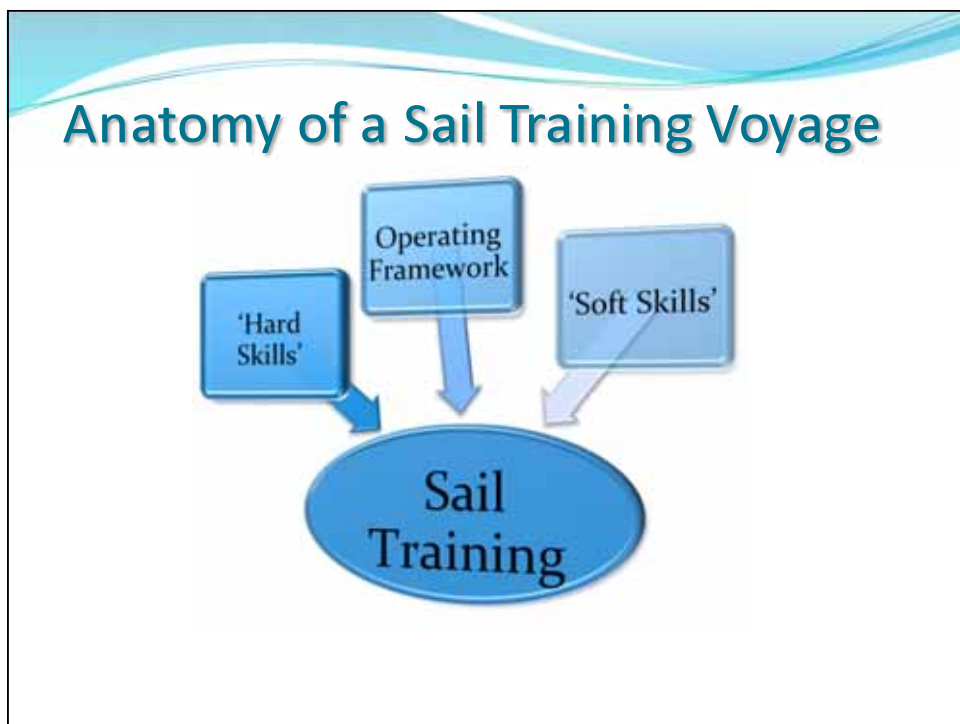
Sail Training Programme Standards: A UK perspective

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Sail Training in the UK: Background





Operating Framework



Hard skills: Sailing and Seafaring



- Start Yachting
- Competent Crew
- Watch Leader

RYA Practical and Shorebased Navigation and Seamanship Courses

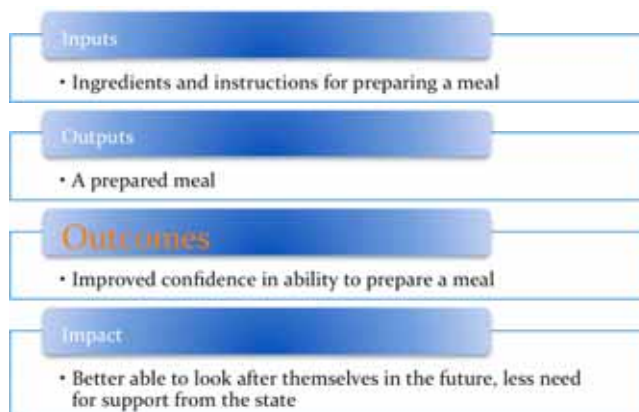
Course	Start Yachting Practical	Basic Navigation and Safety	Competent Crew Practical	Day Skipper Shorebased	Day Skipper Practical (yacht)	Watch Leader Practical (yacht)	Offshore Skipper Shorebased	Coastal Skipper Practical	Yachtmaster Ocean Shorebased
Suggested minimum pre-course experience	None	None	None	Some practical experience desirable	1 day sea time 100 miles 4 night hours	2 day sea time 100 miles 4 night hours	Two Skipper Shorebased course	14 day sea time 2 days on skipper 100 miles 4 night hours	Course & efficient sailing
Assumed knowledge	None	None	None	None	Navigation in Day Skipper Shorebased and basic sailing ability	Navigation in Day Skipper Shorebased and basic sailing ability	Navigation to Day Skipper Shorebased standard	Navigation to Coastal Skipper Shorebased standard, sailing to Day Skipper Practical standard	Navigation to Coastal Skipper & Yachtmaster Offshore Shorebased standards
Course content	Introduction to sailing and maintenance	Rescue navigation and safety	Basic seamanship & terminology navigation & meteorology	Basic seamanship & terminology navigation & meteorology	Basic piloting, boat handling, watch experience	Navigation, meteorology & meteorology	Offshore & coastal navigation, passage plan & efficient passage	Seamanship, meteorology for & passage planning	Advanced navigation, watch meteorology
Ability after course	Basic sailing experience	Basic knowledge of navigation and safety	Yacht crew member	Background knowledge to skipper a small yacht in familiar waters by day	Skipper a small yacht in familiar waters by day	Take charge of a watch on a sail training vessel	Background knowledge to skipper a yacht on coastal passages by day & night	Skipper a yacht on coastal passages by day & night	Background knowledge to skipper a yacht on ocean passages
Minimum duration	2 days	16 hours	2 days	40 hours plus sea time	2 days	2 days	40 hours plus sea time	2 days	40 hours plus sea time
Course completion certificate									

RYA one day shorebased courses (1st 4th 6th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st 32nd 33rd 34th 35th 36th 37th 38th 39th 40th 41st 42nd 43rd 44th 45th 46th 47th 48th 49th 50th 51st 52nd 53rd 54th 55th 56th 57th 58th 59th 60th 61st 62nd 63rd 64th 65th 66th 67th 68th 69th 70th 71st 72nd 73rd 74th 75th 76th 77th 78th 79th 80th 81st 82nd 83rd 84th 85th 86th 87th 88th 89th 90th 91st 92nd 93rd 94th 95th 96th 97th 98th 99th 100th)





Measuring / evaluation:



Sharing best practice

- ✓ Annual seminars, meetings and conferences
- ✓ Workshops and standard training events
- ✓ Bespoke training courses
- ✓ Direct communication
(Newsletters, emails)
- ✓ Active encouragement of 'cross pollination'
(Sailing on other vessels)



Summary

- ❑ Recognize wide range of approaches and one best style not suitable or possible
- ❑ Breakdown into Soft and Hard Skills, with a flexible balance dependent on needs
- ❑ Hard skills: nationally recognized qualification structure (RYA Scheme) is invariably adopted
- ❑ Soft Skills is still 'work in progress' and the major focus of our attention
- ❑ Support and facilitation of inter-organisation communication to share best practice

