

Course Notes

Course Title:	RYA Day Skipper	Course Start: - Monday August 22 2016, 09.00hrs
Duration:	5 Days	Course Finish: Friday August 26, 2016, 15.00hrs
Minimum Age:	18yrs +	Meeting point: Marina Office
Previous Experience:	RYA Competent crew or equivalent	
Course Aim:	Competent skipper of a small yacht by day; ICC acceptable certification	

Arrival Notes

Please meet me at the marina office in the lower parking lot at 0900hrs. I will take you down to the yacht Michaela on which you will be spending the entire week.

Course Details

This is an intermediate level course which teaches pilotage, navigation, seamanship and boat handling up to the standard required to skipper a cruising yacht safely by day in tidal waters.

The sailing area will include the Mahone Bay and Lunenburg area coastlines of the South Shore of Nova Scotia. Specifics will depend upon weather conditions. There will be some night sailing.

The Yacht - Michaela

The yacht you will be staying onboard, is commercially coded by RYA/MCA as category 2 compliant, which is 60 miles from a safe haven and is able to carry 6 people including the Skipper. We also participate in the Transport Canada Small Vessel Compliance Program.

Facilities include on-board heating and a fridge and it is equipped with Radar and GPS. The yacht has a big boat feel, full keel, hydraulic wheel steering and a powerful mast head rig.

Meals Onboard

The yacht will be stocked for the course for at least three meals a day, including snacks and drinks. If you wish to, you may bring a bottle of something to enjoy in the evenings, when you are anchored or moored.

We can cater for any special dietary requirements as long as you let us know on the registration form or at least a week before arrival, to ensure that the correct food is taken on board.

Kit & Clothing

Discovery Sailing will provide all necessary safety equipment i.e. Life jackets which are kept on board the yacht.

You will be spending the entire week onboard the yacht and are required to **provide your own sleeping bag**. In exceptional circumstances and with prior notice we MAY be able to make arrangements for a sleeping bag to be available. Much better if you provide your own – even if you have to borrow one.

1 Discovery Sailing will provide:

- Life jackets and tethers
- All harbour fees and fuel

Please think carefully about what you bring and pack your gear in a soft collapsible bag, not a suit case, and pack light! As well, remember, it may be cooler on the water.

- Sleeping bag
- Sailing pants (preferably not jeans)
- Shorts, T-shirts (summer sailing)
- Spray jacket (optional)
- Foul weather gear
- Sea boots, warm socks

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- Deck shoes (non marking soles) or sandals
- Warm fleece
- Sun hat, sunscreen
- LED headlamp preferably with a choice of red for night navigation.

Contact:

Tel: (877) 275-8377 toll free cell
Email Dave@discoverysailing.com

How to get there:

Atlantica Hotel and Marina Oak Island
36 Treasure Drive, Western Shore, **Nova Scotia**
Tel: (800) 565-5075.

<http://www.atlanticaoakisland.com/en/home/default.aspx>

For driving directions from Halifax Airport, see the page <http://DiscoverySailing.com/directions>

Weather information -

http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/marine/forecast_e.html?mapID=15&siteID=1410

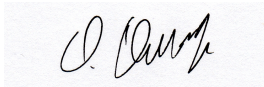
2 Recommended Reading :-

Your Day Skipper course manual
(Chart 1) Abbreviations and Symbols
Anything I send you.

For information and advice on the kit list, please contact me.

If you need help with getting from the airport to the marina, let me know and I will assist.

Fair Winds and look forward to sailing with you,



Dave

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Insurance: For your own peace of mind, we strongly advise you hold cancellation insurance in case circumstances result in you being unable to attend or have to curtail the course. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions of Booking for our full cancellations policy. We also recommend you have suitable insurance to cover the loss of or damage to any personal belongings while you are with Discovery Sailing.