

Senior Instructors

Role

The SI is an experienced instructor who has been assessed as competent to organise and manage courses within the RYA's National Sailing Scheme. They are qualified to organise and control group sailing tuition and to supervise and assist instructors. SIs must be confident, competent managers, capable of organising groups of all ages and directing the work of their instructors.

An RYA recognised dinghy/keelboat/mulihull training centre must have a current SI as its Principal or chief sailing instructor, though a Yachtmaster Instructor may fulfil this role in a keelboat centre.

Eligibility

Candidates must first be an RYA dinghy instructor and must fulfil the following criteria prior to the SI course:

- Minimum age 18;
- Two years intermittent or one year full time dinghy instructing experience since qualifying;
- RYA Safety Boat certificate;
- Valid first aid certificate: either the RYA First Aid course or one recognised by the Health and Safety Executive, covering the treatment of hypothermia and a minimum of six hours duration;
- Signed recommendation from the Principal or an RYA training centre.

During the course candidates will be asked to demonstrate that they have sailing ability to at least the standard of an RYA dinghy instructor.

Training

Courses are run on a regional basis with a minimum of six students. Courses are organised through the Regional Coach and staffed by two or more RYA Coach/Assessors. The course may take the form of two weekends (four whole days) and include some material covered prior to the course.

Assessment

The assessment will be continuous and will be made by at least two Coach/Assessors.