Our Services

Own boat tuition & deliveries

There are many benefits of learning and refining your skills on the familiar surroundings of your own boat with an experienced instructor onboard.

We offer tuition for complete beginners to advanced offshore sailing techniques. We can offer one day of power handling or sail trim, or a full five day course.

Tuition and delivery can be arranged for a minimum of one day. Tuition is normally a 7 hour day. The rate for deliveries is for a 24 hour day. There may be additional charges for delivery crew and for the instructor's and crew travel to your vessel †.

£420 per day + VAT for vessels under 80ft LOA

Purchase and refit consultancy

Buying a sailing boat should be a joy, but it can often be one of the most difficult purchases you will ever make, up there with buying your home.

We offer independent and impartial advice on what to prioritise for purchase and refit and also assistance with reviewing safety equipment, quotations and disputes. We work with those looking to buy their first 25ft vessel through to experienced sailors who are planning a major refit for a sabbatical circumnavigation around the world with their family.

If a visit to the boat is difficult to arrange this service can often be provided via video call.

We look forward to hearing about your project and plans.

£60 per hour + VAT

Contact us at ahoy@sea.school to discuss your requirements

† Minimum booking is for 1 day. Travel time is charged at half basic rate. All travel costs (train fares & taxis etc) from and returning to our base in Chichester to be covered by client. Victuals for duration to be provided by client. For vessels over 80ft LOA please contact us.

Basic Safety Equipment Checklist - for Own Boat Tuition

- ☐ Suitable anchor with chain/warp
- ☐ Bilge pump - manual, or manual as well as electric
- ☐ Radar reflector - ideally permanently mounted
- ☐ Distress flare - electronic is fine
- ☐ Fire extinguisher, fire blanket and 2x buckets
- ☐ Lifejackets, harnesses and safety tethers for all crew
- ☐ Jackstays on deck and strongpoints in cockpit
- ☐ In service life raft (an inflatable dinghy is acceptable for within the Solent)*
- ☐ Horse Shoe Buoy with light and Dan Buoy
- ☐ Person overboard recovery equipment, including boat hook
- ☐ VHF Radio with DSC
- ☐ First Aid kit
- ☐ Mooring warps and fenders
- ☐ Engine spares – fuel/oil filters, drive belt, impeller, spare oil, spare fuel**
- ☐ Tool kit
- ☐ Galley facilities (including pan clamps) with victuals for duration of trip
- ☐ Heads facilities and suitable accommodation for all crew
- ☐ Navigational equipment (almanac, charts, Breton plotter/parallel rule, dividers)
- ☐ Depth/sonar instrument
- ☐ Speed/log instrument that gives speed through water***
- ☐ Insurance documents - with confirmation from insurers that the policy covers own boat tuition

As well as a general look over the boat we also inspect the rig and the steering gear once onboard. A full safety brief & radio check will be completed prior to departure.

If the above equipment is not present, or if the vessel is deemed to be unseaworthy for any other reason by the instructor, then departure will be postponed. The above is the basic requirement for tuition for coastal day sailing. If sailing overnight, or for long distance deliveries there may be further requirements. For further information please contact us at ahoy@sea.school.

*Life rafts may be hired, please contact us for details
**Assuming auxiliary engine is fitted
***If sailing within sight of land GPS Speed Over Ground (SOG) will suffice, but this will limit opportunities for teaching basic navigation techniques