POOLE HARBOUR SEA SURVIVAL

RYA VHF (GMDSS) Conversion Radio Course Information

Hi There,

Many thanks for enquiring about the above course with Poole Harbour Sea Survival. The half day course detail is explained below however, most people find doing the full day is well worth it as there is a lot to cover and pass the assessment.

Timings and location: The course will be run at Marine Skills Centre, Fleetsbridge, Nuffield Industrial Estate, Poole, BH17 0HL - Directions are attached. The course starts at 1300 unless other arrangements have been made.

Pre-course work: Depending on when you completed the VHF restricted certificate it is recommended that you purchase either the RYA VHF Radio book (RYA ref G22) or the new RYA VHF handbook G31 prior to the course. There is a lot to cover during the afternoon so to make the day easier please read the book, especially the points below to refresh/update yourself. Also see the attached sheet with some detail. Note there is a short assessment to pass.

- The distress procedure
- Radio channel allocation.
- Procedure for the other types of call

Equipment: The latest DSC (digital selective calling) training radios the Simrad RD 68 are used. Please bring your own notebook and plenty of paper and pen.

Refreshments: Light refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits) are available throughout the day and lunch can be purchased locally, or bring a packed lunch if you prefer.

Administration: To reserve your place, please complete and return the booking form with your course fee (£50 pp) as soon as possible. You will receive confirmation of the course once the booking form is returned. On the day please bring along your VHF certificate, a signed passport photograph and a cheque payable to the RYA for £30 required for your SRC certificate.

Course programme: The programme includes:
GMDSS overview and DSC operation
DSC Distress, Urgency, safety and routine calls
Rules, Regulations and channel allocation
SARTs, EPIRBs and Navtex

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to call me. I look forward to meeting you soon, on what is an essential and informative day.

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