
Advanced Qualifications in Instructing and Coaching

Dinghy Instructor endorsements

Once qualified as a DI you can do endorsements to your qualifications to be able to teach more modules from the RYA syllabus. These modules are: Racing, Foiling, Keelboat and Multihull. These endorsements qualify you to teach: start racing, foiling courses (depending on personal ability) or all the courses you could teach in a dinghy, but in a keelboat or multihull.

For more information please see: <https://www.rya.org.uk/training-support/Pages/dinghy.aspx>

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Advanced instructor

Advanced instructors are qualified to teach the performance sailing and sailing with spinnakers modules. This is a 2 day course for qualified DIs who are capable sailors in “high performance” boats (boats you can tune the rig fully on, maybe with spinnakers or trapezes). You might consider getting this qualification if you are an experienced DI and your University club has some more “high performance” boats and experienced sailors who are wanting to push their sailing on that much further, but don't want to be involved in team racing. Maybe they want to push their boat so that they can win the fast handicap fleet at the BUSA fleet racing championships.

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Senior instructor

Senior instructors are the instructors whom are in charge of sailing on the day, which may involve running a team of instructors and multiple sessions. To qualify is a 4 day course, run at two different RYA training centres.

What do you need?

- Dinghy instructor with 1 full season of experience of work
- RYA safety boat
- RYA membership
- Be 18 or older
- RYA first aid
- RYA membership

They are ultimately in charge of the training being run on the day, so this is more of a senior management role. In a university context they might be the head of social sailing or beginners training who can coordinate with your affiliated sailing club.

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Coach assessor

This is the highest qualification of RYA instructor and qualifies you to train other instructors. To qualify you need to be nominated by your regional development officer and be a Senior and advanced instructor. This is a 2 day assessment process, followed by a 5 day course.

What do you need?

- RYA senior instructor
- RYA advanced instructor
- RYA first aid
- Nomination by your regional development officer

It would be extremely unusual to qualify as a coach assessor while at university, however the potential benefits are enormous as one of the limiting factors for many clubs is the ability to train and retain instructors, so you will always be in demand.

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