

CAPOD Funding Report

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| Event /Course Title | RYA Powerboat Level 2 |
| Date of event | 3 November 2018 and 4 November 2018 |

1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words):

The course covered all the basics on driving powerboats in a safe manner. It also provided the opportunity to have a hands-on challenging experience. One of the most useful parts of the course, was when each participant took the boat steering and had to perform a complete turn in a confined space in the harbour. This was done very slowly and safely, but got us thinking about how to best control a powerboat by using steering combined with proper use of speed.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.

Benefits include gaining practical experience on driving a powerboat, learning about safety in the sea and getting a certification that allows me to drive powerboats in some circumstances. Transferable skills include being able to apply this new experience to my teaching. Because my teaching involves marine related subjects, now I can give advice about safety in the sea and boating in general.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.

I'll be assisting in boat surveys with more input now, specifically related to safety in the boat. Also, because some of my network contacts are constantly employing people to conduct field work , I'll let them know that now I am a certified boat driver.

4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials.

Advice from RYA on powerboating, and boating in general, can be found in their website:
<https://www.rya.org.uk/knowledge-advice/Pages/hub.aspx>

5. Tips/experience learned from the event

According to one of the instructors, it is OK to make mistakes when powerboating, as long as they are safe mistakes. This seems to be specific for this level (Powerboat level 2), for which you're not

required to be responsible for commercial boating activities. This is reassuring because it is actually very easy to drive the powerboat in a safe manner.

6. Any additional comments or information regarding the event

This course had a lot of practical classes, which was great to important experience on driving a powerboat. The theory part took one forth of the course time, but was very focused on practical things, such as how to make important knots and how to plan a displacement on the nautical chart.