



## VHF SRC Courses at Dabchicks Sailing Club

If you own or use a VHF marine radio, then it is a legal requirement to have an 'Authority to Operate', or to be supervised by someone who does. There are also several reasons for using a VHF radio as your primary form of safety communication:

- Mobile phone networks are unreliable at sea
- You can only call one number with a phone, and therefore other vessels around the area will be unaware of your circumstances
- Modern DSC VHF radios can transmit position with distress message (when connected to GPS)
- The rescue services can obtain a bearing of VHF signals
- It is HM Coastguard's preferred method of communication.
- As a recognised RYA Training Centre for the RYA (VHF) SRC Training, we offer quality courses as standard.

### RYA Short Range Certificate (VHF)

**AIM:** This radio operator qualification authorises the holder to operate a VHF radio both with and without Digital Selective Calling (DSC) on board any British vessel which is voluntarily fitted with radio equipment. Essentially it's the VHF license for leisure users.

**DURATION:** One day 0900 to 16:30.

**PRE REQUISITES:** None, although we ask you will to learn the phonetic alphabet in advance (sent out at the time of booking). You will need to bring a passport photo for the Licence.

**COURSE CONTENT:** Use of VHF Radio under the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). In addition to VHF procedures, we also cover Digital Selective Calling (DSC) Navtex, EPIRBs and SARTs. This certificate has replaced the old VHF Restricted Licence and is the qualification required to operate a marine VHF Radio. You will also receive a copy of the RYA G22 "VHF Radio" on the course.

**COST:** £110 (Inclusive of licence fee)  
(£90 for DSC members)

**DATES FOR 2011:** Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Nov / Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Nov

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