

# **RYA VHF SRC radio course**

**NSSC, Piddinghoe site**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

**0900-1730 (or even a little later)**

Who would raise the alarm in a distress situation on board your boat, or a boat on which you are crewing? What if the skipper was unable to? The Short Range Certificate (SRC) is a minimum legal requirement for every British flagged vessel voluntarily fitted with a radio, so skippers are almost certain to hold one. It's also very informative for anyone who enjoys boating so that they can use a marine radio fitted with Digital Selective Calling (DSC) functionality.

Here is the announcement from NSSC of a one-day radio course open to members and non-members alike.

## **RYA VHF SRC Radio Course**

RYA SRC/VHF Radio Course 2023  
Saturday April 1st at Piddinghoe

This course is for those needing to obtain a licence to operate a marine band VHF radio on a British registered vessel. It is known as the 'Short Range Certificate' and is a legal requirement to use these radios.

Before the course, you need to register with the RYA and pay the fee direct to the RYA. This costs £70 for the exam and the certificate. Register here:  
<https://www.rya.org.uk/exams>

This RYA documentation must be printed out and brought to the course with a passport photo with your name on the back. Without those you cannot take the exam.

To book up and pay the fees to NSSC: <https://webcollect.org.uk/nssc>

Non Members: £95      NSSC Members: £70

When you have booked and paid Newhaven and Seaford Sailing Club, the Pre course materials will be emailed to you.

The course is delivered over 1 day by an RYA qualified instructor, at our training base at Piddinghoe Pond. The training includes both practical operation and theory as well as the legal aspects of using the VHF radio and other radio devices that might be on board or carried. However, there are some 2 or 3 hours of pre-course work required

The trainee will be assessed and, when successful, a certificate will be issued by the RYA by post, usually within 2 or 3 weeks. If needed a temporary certificate can be issued by the examiner.

At the end of the course the trainee will have a good knowledge of VHF radio use.

Included in the cost is the RYA course book. Additional reading materials are available from the online RYA Bookshop. Joining Instructions.

Meet at Piddinghoe Lake, Piddinghoe, Newhaven. BN9 9AF for 9.00am. Your Sat Nav will take you to a sharp bend in the road in Piddinghoe. Look for masts! Take the gravel track past the bus shelter, park in the car park and enter via the side gate. Free parking with changing rooms, toilets and showers. We use our Training Room and have tea and coffee available, but bring a cold drink and lunch (30 minutes). Do tell your instructor if you have any medical problems that may affect your enjoyment of the course. Please ask if you have any queries, and most importantly, enjoy yourself.

Note that the course is about 8 hours long and the exam will be done in pairs of students and take about 20 mins per pair. So the final pair may not finish until about 1830hrs.

The RYA would like to know what your experience was with us, and invite you to give feedback at [www.rya.org.uk/go/course-feedback](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/course-feedback) of course if you have suggestions as to how we can improve our courses please do email to [trainingnssc@nssc.org.uk](mailto:trainingnssc@nssc.org.uk)

Also visit 'The Galley' our Café Bar beside the sea at Seaford, BN25 2QR. Check out our website on <https://sailinginsussex.org/> for more courses.

Subject to availability, and on receipt of the completed form and the payment, we will confirm this reservation in writing to you at your email address, for the course you have chosen and to send you the pre-course work and the handbook. Note that handbook can be downloaded from the RYA website. If you do not hear from us within a reasonable time please email: [trainingnssc@nssc.org.uk](mailto:trainingnssc@nssc.org.uk) . All NSSC courses are run subject to sufficient places being taken up: In the event of postponement or cancellation due to low numbers etc, the course fee can be credited to you against a future course, or returned, but if cancelled by you within 14 days of the course, the fee is non-refundable unless your place is filled.

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