



RYA Training Conference 2012

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Powerboat Advanced Instructor Training

How can we improve this to ensure students on Intermediate and Advanced PB courses learn a range of pilotage techniques?

How

The groups discussing this topic suggested a range of possibilities for improving Advanced Powerboat Instructor Training ranging from e-learning as pre-course work, increasing the pre-requisite knowledge to Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Offshore theory, increasing the number of plans each candidate produces for the navigation exercises to conducting 2 night exercises.

There was some call for new APBIs to do their first course under the supervision of a more experienced mentor, and that revalidations should include a practical aspect. It was also pointed out that Powerboat Trainers could give more input on methods of coaching at Intermediate and Advanced powerboat level.

Some suggestions for the RYA were to provide an Advanced Powerboat course book, give additional guidance in the Powerboat Instructor Handbook (G19), and increase instructor awareness through coaching articles in Wavelength and workshops at conferences and instructor days. It was felt that the RYA needs to educate Trainers through updates as to what APBIs should be covering, and that during inspections some of the focus should be on the delivery of Intermediate and Advanced course delivery to help maintain the quality of training. CPD for APBIs and Trainers was one idea which cropped up, to include learning at revalidation and workshops on night navigation.

Challenges

There are many challenges and questions were raised as to whether the Advanced Powerboat Instructor course is long enough to teach all methods, there was some suggestion for it to be increased to 3-days. It was pointed out that the issue as to whether the entire syllabi are being taught may be one which mainly concerns those who qualified early on in the scheme's inception, some of the problems being faced may be being ironed out with the requirement for all new APBIs to pass the Advanced Powerboat Certificate of Competence. Possible solutions were that all Advanced Powerboat Instructors should pass the Advanced Powerboat CoC prior to their APBI update; updates could include theory and practical elements or that the RYA should organise regional advanced instructor CPD.