



RYA SRC ASSESSORS CONFERENCE 2013

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Dear Assessors and Principals

Thank you to all those who attended the RYA SRC Conference 2013. The conference proved to be very popular with lively discussions on the changes and future of RYA SRC training.

The morning comprised a number of presentations covering general updates on RYA training schemes, and specific issues relevant to SRC training.

Then delegates broke into groups to discuss the changes to SRC Training. Three workshops were presented to each group in total, covering: SRC Online Training, SRC Classroom Training and the SRC Exam. Highlights of the presentations are available on the RYA website on link <http://www.rya.org.uk/coursestraining/resources/Pages/Conferencereports.aspx>

The key topic of discussion was how to ensure the RYA SRC course and assessment continue to comply with CEPT and wider maritime requirements, in particular the requirement to separate the training delivery and assessment. The effects of any changes were considered with the aim to minimise any reduction in accessibility of training.

The main area of agreement was for the need for flexibility in delivery of the course for each training centre. The ability to deliver training via a variety of methods - be it fully online, fully classroom based or a blend of the two before assessment is vitally important. It was emphasised that all students will need to fully complete EITHER a classroom course or an online course but that either could be complemented by "pieces" of the other.

Richard Falk, RYA Training Manager also announced the retirement of Alison Noice from the role of SRC advisor but confirmed she will still be conducting Assessor Training. He also thanked Alison for her outstanding contribution in the role over many years. All queries relating to SRC will now need to come through the RYA Training Department.

We were also delighted to have the support of our sponsors, Icom, Raymarine and Standard Horizon, experts in the field of VHF communication and navigation equipment, who helped make the event so successful. The sponsors were on-hand to demonstrate latest products and answer any questions.