
RYA VHF Radio GMDSS Short Range Certificate

2018 / 2019

Course Code	PD471-SS
Tutor	Mark Pendlebury
Venue	UCM, Homefield Road, Douglas
Cost	£100 plus exam fee (currently £60)
Start Day, Date & Time	Saturday 19 th January 2019 and Saturday 26 th January 2019 9am – 4.30pm Exam on Saturday 2 nd February 2019
Number of Weeks / Sessions	3 weeks

What is the course about?

The two-day course will give you the knowledge and confidence to operate this important piece of safety equipment by voice and through Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and is the minimum standard which would prepare the applicant for the theory examination and practical assessment which ultimately leads to the awarding of the Certificate of Competence in Radiotelephony – GMDSS Short Range Certificate (SRC).

Course topics include – the basics of radio operation, the correct frequencies (channels) to be used, distress, emergency and medical assistance procedures, making ship to shore telephone calls, Digital Selective Calling (DSC) using real Icom training sets, Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).

Theory Examination / Practical Assessment:

The theory examination and practical assessment is offered a week after the course, on Saturday 2nd February 2019. It will be run by an assessor who has not been involved in teaching the course. Passing the examination / assessment will result in the candidate being awarded the Short Range Certificate (SRC) which is the minimum qualification required by law to control the operation of VHF and VHF Digital Selective Calling (DSC) equipment on any British flagged vessel voluntarily fitted with a radio. The examination fee is £60.00 payable online direct to the RYA, the tutor will help students go through this. You will also need a passport size photograph.

Equipment you need to bring:

Perhaps a notepad to make notes and a pen.
Course books will be provided.

General Information:

The times advertised for courses, especially 1-day and short courses, will normally include break(s) and a lunch period, as appropriate, and by agreement with the tutor at the sessions.

Students attending one-day workshops might like to note that there are hot/cold drinks and snack vending machines (crisps, sweets, chocolate, biscuits etc) in the College Refectory,

which will be open during the day, but there are no sandwiches etc available, so students might like to bring a packed lunch with them, which can be consumed in the Refectory.

Some venues may have restricted parking facilities, disc parking etc, so please also be aware of this.

Who should I contact?

For further information, please contact the Programme Area Secretary on 648204.