

Sail cruising course joining instructions

Joining the boat: Please be at the boat in Nelson Marina at 10 am on day one of your course. We can be found at berth C37, down at the end of C dock, close to the Tasman Bay Cruising Club, a large red building on Cross Quay, Port Nelson 7010.

The course finishes at about 3pm on the last day.

Parking and transport

Car: Plenty of free parking available at the marina

Bus: 20 minute walk to the marina from the bus station in central Nelson

Plane: Nelson airport is less than 8km away: normally about 15 mins by taxi.

Sailing area*: Our sailing grounds are around Tasman Bay, often including the beautiful Abel Tasman National Park or perhaps D'Urville Island and the outer Marlborough Sounds.

<https://sailnelson.co.nz/sailing-grounds/> Nights are spent sleeping aboard at anchor or on moorings in the most scenic spots. <https://sailnelson.co.nz/the-week-on-board/>

Clothing: Nelson is renowned as New Zealand's sunniest location, but the temperature can fluctuate quite widely throughout the day and night, especially in the shoulder season, so at all times of the year please pack warm clothing and a warm hat for early and late in the day, as well as for night sailing. During the day the sun can be very powerful, so a sunhat, sunglasses and sunscreen are essential items. Long sleeved thin tops are a good idea. Soft closed shoes such as trainers are suitable as footwear. Going ashore in the dinghy be prepared to get wet feet on the beach. Please bring your own towel and we recommend that you bring your swimming things.

Food and drink: Sail Nelson provide all the delicious food for the week and we're happy to cater to your food preferences, providing you advise us in advance. **If you have any allergies or food intolerances it's important that you tell us about these in advance too.** If you'd like a beer or a glass of wine with your evening meal then please bring this with you. As well as the main meals we provide all the tea, coffee and snacks, but if you have any particularly favourite snack items then don't hesitate to bring these with you.

Wet weather gear: Please bring a waterproof jacket and trousers, although if you don't have these we do have some spare ones that we can lend you.

Fuel and Water: The fuel and water tanks are fully topped up before we set off on day one and there is also the opportunity to top up the water during the week if necessary. We also carry bottled drinking water.

Sleeping: Our yachts have 3 separate double sleeping cabins plus two single bunks in the saloon. Please bring your own sleeping bag and we will provide you with a pillow and clean pillowcase. If required we can rent you a sleeping bag and clean cotton liner for a small charge.

Lifejackets and safety gear: All the necessary safety gear, including lifejackets, is provided. Our life jackets are the self inflating type with built in safety harnesses. We also carry a liferaft, lifebouys, flares, EPIRB and much more safety gear, too numerous to list here.

Certificates: At the end of the RYA course we issue you with the appropriate certificate for your skill and knowledge level. The cost of the certificate is included in your course fee, but don't forget to bring a hard copy passport photo with you if you're going for Day Skipper or above. This will be inserted into your laminated certificate, which we can't issue without the photo.

People on board: In addition to your instructor there will be a maximum of 5 and a minimum of 2 students on each course. Courses are generally made up of couples and/or individuals and we often teach people at different skill levels during the same week.

Pre-course reading and training: The RYA publish excellent course notes and it's very useful to study these in advance. The prices of the relevant books, from Boat Books in Auckland, are shown below. We recommend that you purchase these from them. They always post them out very promptly: <https://boatbooks.co.nz/rya.asp>

For all courses: G158 RYA Yachtmaster Scheme Syllabus & Logbook \$35

Competent crew: CCPCN RYA Competent Crew Skills \$40

Day Skipper: DSPCN RYA Day Skipper Practical Course Notes \$40

Coastal Skipper: YSN Yachtmaster Shorebased Notes \$40

Yachtmaster Coastal/ Offshore YSN Yachtmaster Shorebased Notes \$40

Shorebased RYA theory courses: In addition to the above and in order to be well prepared and to get the most out of the practical course we strongly recommend that for Day Skipper & Coastal practical courses you also complete the appropriate RYA Shorebased online Theory Course via navathome.com.au or [Above and Beyond Boating](#)

Course payment: The cost of your courses will have been detailed on your original booking form. To confirm your place on a course we require you to have completed the booking form and also paid a \$600 deposit per person. Until then your booking remains provisional. The balance for your course is due not later than 14 days prior to the course commencing. Payments should be made to Sail Nelson NZ Ltd, Kiwibank. The Account Number is: **38 9016 0463772 00** and please use your name as the reference. For International payments please use the Swift Code KIWINZ22

Accommodation prior to/after the course: Nelson has a wide selection of excellent accommodation to suit all budgets, but for a nice place to stay, with maximum convenience in terms of location, we recommend the Harbourside Lodge, which overlooks Nelson Marina: <https://harbourside.co.nz/>

We look forward to you joining us on board and don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

Chris Roff and the Sail Nelson team.

***For Yachtmaster only:**

This is a 5 day preparation week and a 2 day exam. All Yachtmaster candidates crew for each other during the practical exam, so by signing up for the preparation week you are committing to stay for the exam, even if you ultimately decide not to sit it for yourself. During the Yachtmaster preparation week you will sail and navigate more intensely and in a more limited geographical area than on our other courses. The exact duration of the exam will depend upon the number of candidates sitting it.