

Marine Radio Short Range Certificate

A one-day course for anyone who owns a fixed or hand-held marine VHF radio.

Course topics:

- 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 simulators
- Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
- Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB)
- Search And Rescue Radar Transponder (SART)

The Short Range Certificate is the qualification required by law if you operate a VHF radio fitted with Digital Selective Calling (DSC) on any British vessel voluntarily fitted with radio.

A radio is an important piece of safety equipment on board and it is vital to understand the correct procedures. Unnecessary transmissions could block out a Mayday distress call.

This course is taught over 8 hours.

Recommended books: RYA VHF Radio including GMDSS
RYA VHF Radio Sample Exam Questions
RYA VHF Handbook