The International Certificate of Competence (ICC) is required by most European countries (excluding the UK) as evidence of a basic level of competence. There is actually no internationally agreed competence certificate and it is worth noting that the onus is on you to check the requirements of the state you are visiting. Member states are not obliged to accept the ICC however it is normally widely recognised. It can not be issued to nationals of UNECE Member countries unless they are British Nationals or Residents of the UK. See here for a full list of UNECE countries whose citizens are

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able to apply for an ICC issued by the RYA.

Within the RYA scheme the ICC falls just below the level of Day Skipper practical. Holders of the RYA Day Skipper (Power or Sail) can apply for the ICC without any further tests. Simply complete the ICC form here

Powerboat Level 2 certificate holders will also be able to apply for the ICC without any further tests however this will only cover power vessels up to 10 metres.

If you do not hold either of the above certificates you will need to carry out a simple test of basic boat handling, navigation ability and knowledge of the Collision Regulations to gain the ICC ticket.

- **Option 1** For students who have equivalent or higher knowledge of the Day Skipper course it is suggested you attend the test over a weekend. We can run this every weekend of the year so please call the office to check availability. **Prices start from £199 per person.**
- **Option 2** For students who have done some crewing or dinghy sailing but have no or limited navigational experience or time in charge of a yacht we would suggest the following package:
- Step 1 Online Essential Navigation and Seamanship Course, this is an online course which introduces navigation and seamanship to the required standard for ICC. To find out more about this course please click here
- Step 2 Attend a 5 day practical sailing course, practicing the techniques and manoeuvres required to pass the ICC. Courses are run all year round so please call the office to check the latest availability.

Prices start from £598 per person.

Please note those wishing to venture onto the inland waterways of Europe will require the normal ICC with an added CEVNI test. This test is a multiple choice questionnaire on the various rules and signs seen on inland waterways. The knowledge required for this test can be best learnt by purchasing the RYA book of European Waterway Regulations (G17).

Download a copy of the ICC application form here. This will also give you an idea as to what's involved with the test itself and what fees are payable to the RYA for the issue of the certificate.

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