

UKSA

Beyond the Horizon



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About UKSA

Meaningful Pathways

UKSA is a maritime youth charity, MCA centre of excellence and one of the largest RYA training centres in the world.

UKSA is dedicated to creating meaningful pathways for young people from all backgrounds wanting to enter maritime employment



UKSA has been transforming lives with the power of the sea for over **38 years**



We provide **pathways** into maritime careers and support young people to build **life skills** through experiences on the water



We welcome around **11,000** people through our doors every year

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Welcome to UKSA

Our Vision

A future where the seas inspire and empower everyone to reach their full potential



Inspire

A lifelong passion for the Sea



Deliver

World-Class
Maritime Training



Build

A Strong and
Lasting Future

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Six facts about UKSA



One of the largest
RYA training
providers in the
world

749

Career training
students attended
UKSA in 2024/25

97%

Career course
pass rate

100%

Of Further
Education students
go into employment
or further training

79%

Of students are
under 25

1062

Students completed
further training at
UKSA in 2024/25



An aerial photograph of a harbor scene. In the foreground, several white sailboats are docked at a wooden pier. One sailboat has "#SeaChange" and "UKSA" written on its side. Another sailboat has "www.ukes.org" on its sail. In the middle ground, there are more boats, including some with red inflatable kayakers. The background shows a town with various buildings, including a large white building and several red brick buildings. The text "Our Impact" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font. A decorative border of yellow diagonal lines surrounds the text.

Our Impact

Our Impact

24/25



UKSA's Pathway is designed to increase social mobility – helping young people from under-resourced communities to access long-term careers at sea.

+ “The support of UKSA has meant everything to me, without it I wouldn't have been able to follow my dreams. Everything has exceeded my expectations.”

“Before today I didn't even know how to float, and now I can steer a boat!”

- + Test the Water
- + Polly's Challenge
- + School Residential Trips
- + Building Life Skills
- + Maritime Futures Programme

642

students trained
in mental health awareness

35,064

sea miles logged

27

Isle of Wight schools visited UKSA

96%

course pass rate

4876

children took part in activities on the water

Mentoring & Welfare

At UKSA, your wellbeing matters as much as your career

- + Student Liaison – Before, during and after
- + 1:1 Professional mentor allocated to you
- + Student Welfare officer for all
- + Safeguarding

Welfare at our heart

- ✔ 165 welfare packs provided
- ✔ 78 wellbeing workshops and drop ins held
- ✔ 65% increase in Cadet welfare
- ✔ 6 dyslexia assessments undertaken



The Mermaid Cave

Industry Guidance & Careers



Run by Yachting, Superyachting and Watersports experienced professionals



Marine CV writing workshops and dedicated careers advice



Industry knowledge sessions including guest lecturers



Exclusive recruitment board for UKSA career course students



Running for over 15 years with close links to employers and crew agents



Support for the entire duration of your career



A young boy is the central figure, wearing a dark cap and a life vest. He is looking intently at a tablet held in front of him. The scene is lit with a warm, reddish-orange glow. In the background, a stylized sunburst or fan-like graphic is composed of numerous thin, parallel lines radiating from a central point. The overall composition suggests a focus on technology and safety.

Our Portfolio

Maritime Futures

Oceans of opportunity

Fully Funded Programme*



Inspirational 5-day residential programmes for 14-25 year olds



Build life skills and learn about training and career opportunities in the maritime sector



You don't need any knowledge or experience; you just need to be interested in the sea and excited about learning something new



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*Subject to criteria

Further Education

For students 16+

+ A great alternative to college
for watersports & outdoor
enthusiasts!

Maritime Advanced Programme

Year 1 & 2 - NCFE
Level 3 Diploma in
Sport and Physical
Outdoor Pathway



Maritime Foundation Programme

Year 1 – NCFE Level 2
Certificate in Sport

Year 2 – NCFE Level 3
Introductory
Certificate in Sport
and Physical Activity
Outdoor Pathway



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Case study: Lauren Lucas

Course: Maritime Foundation (16–18, UKSA & IoW College)

Highlights:

- Youngest Bosun in Wightlink's history
- Gained sailing, instructing, leadership & teamwork skills at UKSA
- Overcame challenges as a young woman in the industry, building resilience and confidence

Progression Aspirations:

- Next step: Officer of the Watch (OOW) ticket
- Long-term goal: Captain of a large vessel, travelling the world

"I've applied for jobs, and companies have said my CV is great for my age, that's all thanks to UKSA "



Yacht Career Training

For students 18+



Superyacht Cadetship (4 year programme)

**Industry-Recognised Training
for a Global Career**

**A Structured Route to Officer
of the Watch**

Foundation Degree (Operational Yacht Science)

**Combine Academic Study
with Professional Maritime
Training**

**Designed in Partnership
with the Maritime Industry**

Professional Yachtmaster Offshore (16 week programme)

**Fast-track career training
Hands-on experience at sea
Global job opportunities**



Yacht Career Training

For students 18+

**Superyacht
Deckhand**
Training (3 weeks)



**Engineering Crew
Training**
(5 weeks)



**Workboat Crew
Training**
(5 weeks)

**Superyacht
Stewardess &
Steward**
Training
(3 week programme)



Watersports Career Training

For students 18+

Watersports Instructor Training

(11 week programme)

Multi-Discipline Qualifications

Fast Entry to a Watersports
Career

Comprehensive Training
Package



Dinghy Instructor Training

(5 week programme)

RYA-Accredited
Qualification

Focused and Intensive

Gateway to Seasonal
Jobs



MCA & STCW

Recognised worldwide as a leading provider of MCA & STCW training

Deck & Navigation

OOW, Chief Mate, Master qualifications, radar, ECDIS, celestial navigation.

Engineering

AEC 1 & 2, workshop skills.

Leadership & Management

HELM (operational & management).

Specialist Courses

Stability, seamanship, business & law, orals prep.

Safety & Security (STCW)

Basic Safety, fire fighting, survival craft, medical, crisis management, security officer/duties.



RYA Training

One of the largest RYA training centres in the world



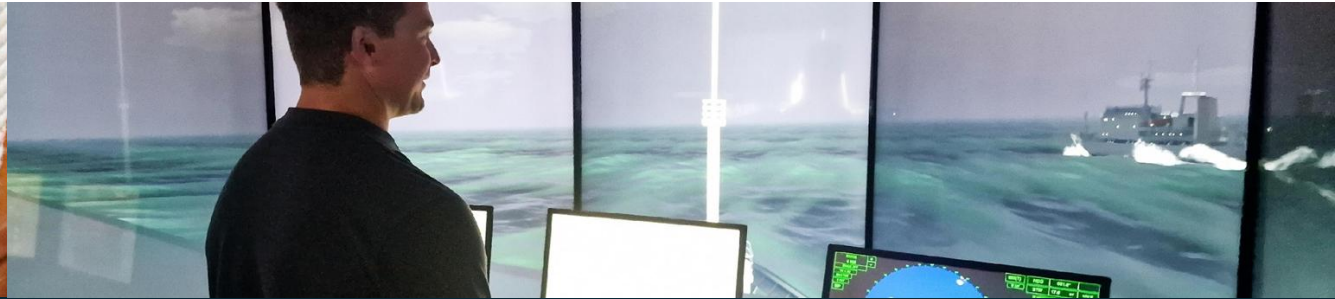
- + **Sailing & Yachting**
- + **Powerboat & PWC**
- + **Dinghy, Windsurf & Wingsurf**
- + **Instructor Courses & Endorsements**
- + **Online & Specialist**

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Training Facilities



Modern lecture rooms



Simulation suites



UKSA Training Centre



Specialised classrooms



Facilities also accessible on evenings & weekends

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Our Campus

Take a look around...



Bunk Style
Accommodation



Canteen
Freshly prepared meals
three times a day



Social Area
'The Bridge'



Laundry Service



Shower Block



Gym &
Sports Hall



- + Halal Meat
- + Vegetarian options
- + Free Range Eggs
- + All Inclusive

Thank You

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