

Ouse on Board – Inland Waterways Helmsman's Course Syllabus

Day 1

- Introductions and house keeping
- Personal Safety:
 - Lifejackets and cold shock
 - Avoidance of injury
 - Risks to children
- Boat Safety:
 - Fire Hazards
 - Watertight integrity
- Deckwork 1:
 - Throwing, coiling and tying ropes/lines

Break

- Helmsmanship and Boat Handling 1:
 - Unberthing (setting off) demonstration
 - Steering in a river
 - Control of speed
 - Berthing (mooring) demonstration

Lunch

- Engine Checks
- Helmsmanship and Boat Handling 2:
 - Unberthing practical
 - Berthing practical
- Deckwork 2:
 - Securing to bollards and rings
- Locks 1:
 - Introduction to locks
 - Safety in locks

Summary and Feedback of Day 1

Day 2

- Recap of day 1 and plan for day 2:
 - Any questions arising over-night
 - Any skills we need more practice with
- Locks 2:
 - Operation of locks practical

Break

- Helmsmanship and Boat Handling 3:
 - Man overboard
 - Winding holes and using the bank
 - Grounding

Lunch

- Collision Avoidance and Environment:
 - Rules of the river
 - National and Local rules
 - Avoiding damage to other craft and banks
 - Considerate boating
- Practical task:
 - To be completed with minimum input from instructor. Show us what you can do!

End of course. Feedback and next steps.