OUTREACH RESCUE



WATER & FLOOD RESCUE BOAT OPERATOR RECERTIFICATION

Goal:

To recertify technicians' competency in safely operating powered boats and associated equipment in various water conditions.

Target group:

Personnel whose Mod 4 award requires recertification.

Highlights:

- The training environment consists of demanding powerful and fast moving water which satisfies the FRCO 2025 requirements of imitating spate flooding conditions rather than being just Cat B or C waters which would not adequately prepare a powerboat operator.
- Includes night-time exercises to simulate real-life conditions.
- Aligns with DEFRA FRCO 2025 and NFCC Rescue Boat Code Mod 4 standards.

DEFRA & NFCC Mod 4 Recertification

Course length

22 hours (3 days)

Instructor

2:6

Period of validity

3 years

Certification

Outreach Rescue Certificate of Achievement valid for 3 years

Venue

The training venue is on the Menai Strait and full details of the venue will be provided on booking.

Description

Water & Flood Rescue Boat Operator Recertification Mod 4 is intended for personnel requiring recertification of their Mod 4 award. The course focuses on maintaining competency in identifying limitations and safely operating powered boats and associated equipment in inland waters and flooding scenarios. Delegates engage in lectures, classroom work, practical sessions and scenario-based training. Our courses are delivered in demanding water conditions with powerful moving water, comfortably satisfying the training requirements set out in the DEFRA FRCO 2025 document.

Compliance:

DEFRA FRCO 2025 Mod 4 NFCC Rescue Boat Code Mod 4 (provided RYA PBL2 held)

Previous knowledge:

In-date Mod 4 compliant award. Maintained CPD recorded as per FRCO, which is 12 hours over 2 sessions annually, with 6 hours in class 2/B or C water as a minimum, and no training gaps exceeding 9 months.
If there are any concerns of CPD being lacking, re-doing the 4 day initial course is recommended as this will ensure compliance for only 1 additional days training.

Requirements:

Age 18+. Delegates must be fit for this physically demanding course requiring the ability to swim in water PPE and self-recover into an inflatable craft. The previous knowledge stated above is a strict requirement.

Progression:

Recertification is recommended every 2 years by means of re-attending this 3 day course.

Theoretical elements:

- Classroom sessions cover dynamic risk assessments, boat management, manoeuvring, flood hydrology, search techniques, and rescue PPE and equipment usage.
- A course manual is issued.
- A short written exam paper confirms learning.

Practical elements:

- Practical sessions include boat handling during launch, recovery and transit, restricted space manoeuvring, swift water manoeuvres, drills for person overboard and casualty recovery, mass evacuation, casualty management, disabled craft drills, and combining boat handling skills with water rescue systems and shore-based support.
- Specialist equipment is provided.
- Continuous assessment is conducted throughout the course to confirm learning.