

# 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:

- Ensures continued competency in critical boat handling and rescue operations.
- Includes night-time exercises to simulate real-life conditions.
- Aligns with DEFRA Con-Ops and NFCC Rescue Boat Code Mod 4 standards.

## Description

Water & Flood Rescue Boat Operator Recertification Mod 4 is intended for personnel requiring recertification of their Mod 4 award before the Mod 4 award expires 3 years after issue. 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.

## Compliance:

DEFRA Con-Ops 2019 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.

## 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, requiring evidencing before attendance.

## 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.



## 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

## Venue

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