

Power Boat Training Report

Tango 1 continued to be put to good use in 2025 with a further 12 members obtaining RYA PB2 Certificates and 1 member a PB1. The club was also delighted to host an RYA Instructor Assessment Course, where a number of local clubs sent potential female instructors for training. In addition, Tango 1 was out every day in Cadet Training Week, with 70 Cadets completing basic manoeuvres and practising their Man Over Board Drills. I am pleased to report that Vanessa, the MOB dummy, survived the week and the Cadets all practised how to send a May Day Call.

Bookings are already coming in for 2026, with regular courses planned from early May. This year we will also be offering courses to students studying Life Sciences at Essex University. The PB2 qualification helps with job applications, especially for the Marine Biology students.

Course Cost for 2026:

PB1 – 1 day course £140

PB2 – 2 day course £248

As with Sonata Training, for insurances purposes, anyone taking the course must be a member. To facilitate this, we offer a 3-month Temporary Membership of £75.

The Colne Yacht Club first added RYA Power Boat Training to its portfolio in 2022 and since that time 101 members have completed PB1, PB2 or safety boat training. This latter course is held in conjunction with Brightlingsea Sailing Club on an as need basis. It is also one of the elements required to become a power boat instructor. As with our Sonata Programme it is important that we continue to train and develop new instructors and we are very keen to talk to anyone who would like to take their skills further and become part of the Power Boat Instructor Team. To find out more about taking courses or becoming an instructor please contact Oonagh.werngren@outlook.com.

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