Menorca - Come to Sail...
Menorca Cruising School

Founded in 1994, Menorca Cruising School was the first RYA Sailing School in the Mediterranean. Our base in Mahón Harbour offers 300 days of sunshine and sheltered sailing all year round, with fully qualified RYA instructors.

Bareboat Charter or Skipper Charter

We have yachts and ribs available for bareboat or skipper charter. Menorca is just 2.5 hours from most UK airports and it is only 10 minutes from the airport to our boats. We offer you a free mooring in one of the largest and most beautiful harbours in the World.

Sail Around the Island

During your holiday you can circumnavigate Menorca (80 miles) and discover more than 40 delightful unspoilt coves. Take your time and stop for lunch each day in safe, calm, crystal clear bays with pine-fringed silver sand beaches.

The three sheltered harbours of Mahón, Ciutadella and Fornells offer charming quayside restaurants, unique shops and a rich historical backdrop to your sailing holiday. Menorca provides the perfect cruising area for beginners and families as well as experienced charterers who return year after year.

RYA Courses

Start Yachting / Competent Crew
Day Skipper Practical / Refresher
Powerboat I & II and ICC

Yacht & Rib Hire

Our Boats - Bavaria 34’ 36’ 38’
Beneteau Oceanis 393’ 45’ 48’
Dufour 405
Cobra 7m, Ribeye 650
Areamare 10

Left: The beautiful, safe harbour of Mahón.
RYA Sailing Courses

Learning is fun in the Sun!

Introduction

Our courses are recognised by the Royal Yachting Association, renowned world-wide for setting the standard in big boat training. We are very experienced in mixed ability teaching so please do not worry too much about picking the right course in advance. We always assess you on the first day and take you as far forward as possible, without pressure. Partners with mixed abilities can take different courses on the same yacht.

Our Instructors

We are very conscious that our school is only as good as its instructors. We choose experienced RYA Yachtmaster/ Cruising Instructors that have the important qualities of patience, good humour and a sense of fun. They are chosen from backgrounds which bring a highly professional approach to the training.

Our Aims

• To strike the right balance between thorough, humorous tuition and an enjoyable holiday to suit the particular needs of each individual.
• To make it possible for those who wish to cruise under sail to acquire the necessary skills.
• To encourage high standards of safety.
• To encourage cruising for families and people of all ages.
• To provide a holiday in a relaxed personal atmosphere that is both instructive and fun.
• To assess early in the course the students knowledge, experience and requirements and to meet these needs.

“I was very impressed with Andy as an instructor. He was extremely thorough and very flexible in his teaching based on the conditions. He allowed us to go beyond the Competent Crew syllabus and helped with further work that would be useful for Day Skipper. I would definitely recommend to friends to come here to do similar courses and will return if I charter a yacht”
RYA Competent Crew
Duration - 5 Days
Experience needed: None

Designed for: Beginners, those who have already sailed a little, and dinghy sailors wishing to convert to big boat sailing.
Our Aim: To cover the full RYA Competent Crew Syllabus; to introduce seamanship; Mediterranean mooring (stern or bow to the quay); to produce a safe, confident crew with good sailing skills.
Program: The first 2/3 days we return to Mahón harbour each evening to enable gradual motion acclimatization. The last 2/3 days may be spent exploring the lovely South coast bays or dramatic North coast of Menorca,

No of Students: 4/5 max.

RYA Day Skipper
Practical Non-Tidal
Duration - 5 Days
Designed for: Those who can already sail and have a good understanding of navigation.
Our Aim: To enable you to skipper a yacht by day safely on short passages in non-tidal waters. The course qualifies you for the International Certificate of Competence (subject to residency).
Program: Days 1 & 2 are about safety and boat handling under sail and power. Days 3, 4 and 5 we aim to explore the lovely south coast bays or dramatic North coast of Menorca, covering skippering techniques, yacht management, pilotage and navigation.

No of Students: 4/5 max. 2 min.
Refresher Courses available
Courses for individuals, families and groups
The RYA’s National Powerboat Scheme is for those wanting to drive small open powerboats such as RIBs (rigid inflatable boats), sports boats and small launches.

**RYA Powerboat Level 1**  
**Duration - 1 Day**  
This taster course is an introduction to boating techniques for everyday boat handling, the use of safety equipment and some background theory.  
**Qualification achieved:** RYA Powerboat Level 1  
**Experience needed:** None  

**RYA Powerboat Level 2 / ICC**  
**Duration - 1-2 Days**  
This course provides the skills and background knowledge needed to drive a powerboat and is the basis of the International Certificate of Competence.  

The course includes safety, close quarters handling, high speed manoeuvres, man overboard recovery and collision regulations.  
**Ability after course:** Self-sufficient powerboater, aware of own limitations and those of the craft.  
**Qualification achieved:** RYA Powerboat Level 2 Coastal / ICC  
**Pre-Course experience needed:** None  

**International Certificate of Competence or ICC**  
The RYA is the UK issuing authority for the International Certificate of Competence (ICC). This certificate is required in Spain if you wish to charter a yacht or powerboat. To obtain an ICC you must prove your competence. You can attend an RYA practical training course and then present your certificate with your ICC application form. Otherwise you will need to take a practical test at an RYA recognised training centre.  
At Menorca Cruising we can offer the ICC exam in the following categories:  
- Power up to 10m  
- Power 10m and over (own boat)  
- Sail up to 24m  

The ICC test can be taken either on your own boat or on one of our yachts or powerboats.
Introduction

The beautiful island of Menorca is very different to its neighbour Mallorca. It has been bypassed by large-scale package tourism, leaving it a place loved for its charm and relaxed way of life. It has magical landscapes and deserted beaches; many of which can only be reached on foot or by sea. It is an island rich in history with strong ties to the UK throughout the 18th Century.

Mahón

The fantastic Port of Mahón is home to Menorca Cruising and it is where you will start your holiday. You will be spoilt for choice by the superb restaurants and bars lining the water and, as you sail peacefully along its length, you can admire the historic city of Mahón which rises high above the harbour. You will pass Isla del Rey, the oldest British military hospital in the World, built in 1711, and at the north end you will see the C19th Fortress of La Mola.

Port de Fornells

Fornells is a small fishing village with a high concentration of top quality restaurants. It is renowned throughout Spain for its lobster and Mediterranean seafood. King Juan Carlos I of Spain has anchored his yacht here many times to partake of the speciality Caldereta de Langosta (lobster stew).

Port Addaya

Port Addaya is a pretty, quiet yacht marina with a waterside bar and some dramatic views. Ideally suited to those wanting to get away from it all.

Ciutadella

Ciutadella was the island’s capital from the Moorish epoch until the 18th century when the British moved it to Mahón. It mixes the medieval charm of narrow cobbled streets with the splendour of 18th century palaces.

Ciutadella’s port is smaller and less commercialised than that of Mahón. It offers an alternative, yet impressive, glimpse of the past through its diverse and perfectly preserved architecture.

Ciutadella is home to one of the largest Fiestas in Spain, the Fiesta de Sant Joan. On June 24th vast crowds will gather in the port for the traditional equestrian games and over 100 black stallions ride through the narrow streets.
Charter Holidays with Tuition

The Best of Both Worlds

We can provide a wide range of sailing experiences, making the most of our resources to meet the needs of families and groups. It is often the case that individual members of a party have different priorities. Some want time to relax, sunbathe and swim, while others want to learn to sail or improve their sailing skills. RYA courses are ideal when everyone is 100% committed to training, but they have a set syllabus which can interfere with the plans of those wanting a relaxing holiday in the sun. If you would like the opportunity to have a few afternoons off to sunbathe and explore the beautiful coastline of Menorca, you may prefer a charter with tuition tailored to meet your individual requirements.

'Skipper Refresher’ Weeks

'Skipper Refresher’ or ‘Development’ weeks are ideal for groups wanting to combine a charter holiday with a refresher course or skills development training. These weeks allow you to choose the number of days you would like an instructor on board. If you are an experienced sailor you can fine tune your skills. Whatever your experience, there is always the chance to learn something new in Menorca; an island famous for its sailing winds.

'Introduction to Sailing’ Weeks

This is a great way for friends and families to experience sailing on a big boat for the first time. You can choose to spend as many nights on board as you wish, or combine the course with a week in a villa, farmhouse or hotel accommodation. Menorca Cruising has been a recognised RYA sailing school for 16 years. You will benefit from an RYA qualified skipper with a local knowledge of the island, who will combine first class tuition with a great holiday in the sun. Take as long as you like over lunch. You must be aware that safety is the priority and the skipper has the final say over any itinerary.
Come to dream....
Why charter with Menorca Cruising?

We are a small, established company offering a personal, friendly yet highly professional service. Only 2.5 hours from the UK and ten minutes from Mahón airport, you can be onboard and ready to sail with minimum hassle.

A circumnavigation of the island offers ideal conditions for sailing giving you the choice of mooring in unspoilt coves or in ports offering charming restaurants, bars and shops. At all times you have the added comfort that MCS support staff are less than an hour away if you should have any problems during your cruise.

Planning Your Holiday

We can ensure you make the most of your holiday by helping you to plan your itinerary on arrival. If you have not sailed around Menorca before, take advantage of our local knowledge of the harbours, anchorages, weather, shops and restaurants.

Menorca is ideal for Charter for so many reasons. Firstly, you will climb on board your yacht on its home berth in the breathtakingly beautiful Mahón Harbour. Being 3.5 miles in length, sailing in the harbour is always guaranteed and it is the perfect place to get used to your yacht.

The island has sheltered morning, lunch time and evening anchorages all the way round, making it ideal for families. With more than 40 unspoilt coves with clear, turquoise water and silver sand beaches, a circumnavigation of the island is a delight. Get away from the crowds and anchor in a sheltered cove, or visit the harbours of Ciutadella and Fornells if you are looking for quayside restaurants, unique shops and a rich sense of history. There are free mooring buoys in the reserves of Fornells and Es Grau.

“We fell in love with the island and can’t wait to return to explore more calas next year. The water around Punta Prima is such a deep blue and our children loved the black lizards they saw on Illa de l’Aire”
Perfect Sailing Weather

Menorca enjoys around 300 days of glorious sunshine every year and it is rarely short of wind. During the summer winds average 3-4, providing a pleasant cooling breeze. They often fade away in the early evening to give you a peaceful night at anchor. Temperatures range from the low 20’s in spring and autumn to above 30 degrees in July and August.

Included in your Yacht Charter Pack

- Regular weather update
- Home marina mooring berth
- Inflatable Tender
- Wind, Log & Depth Instruments
- Chart Plotter
- Roller Furling Headsail
- Refrigeration • VHF Radio
- GPS • Stereo CD Radio
- Deck cushions • Cockpit table
- Bimini • 240 V Shore power socket
- Cockpit or bluetooth speaker
- 12 V Power sockets
- Pressurised Hot Water (Except 34)
- Mounted Swimming Ladder
- Deck Shower • Masks & Snorkels
- Charts of Menorca
- Pilot Guide for Balearics
- Suggested Itinerary
- Transport to the supermarket
Bavaria 34 - Vivacity

Vivacity has three double private cabins, a large fridge, spacious cockpit and excellent sailing performance. She has slab reefing and is kept in excellent condition.

Bavaria 36 - Las Sirenas

Our Bavaria 36 Avant Garde has everything electric including the toilet and winches. She is beautifully designed with loads of space and a large bathing platform.

Bavaria 36 - Carmola

The Bavaria 36 is a great all-around model for those looking for a solid cruising boat with performance. Carmola has in-mast furling and an autopilot.

Bavaria 38 - Sa Barca

Sa Barca has three private cabins with excellent stowage. The interior is very spacious and finished with mahogany joinery. She has slab reefing & an autopilot.

Beneteau 393 - Papaya

Papaya has three private cabins and 2 heads. The interior is very spacious and the front cabin has an ensuite bathroom. The yacht has slab reefing and autopilot.

Dufour 405 - Minorcan Girl

Minorcan Girl is a lovely Dufour 405 with a furling mainsail and 2 heads. She has a bowthruster and a swimming platform.
Beneteau Oceanis 48 - Frangipani

The Beneteau Oceanis 48 yacht has 3 comfortable double cabins, a saloon berth, fridge and fridge freezer, electric winch, bow thruster, cooling fans and an electric transom.

Beneteau Oceanis 45 - Jacqueline

We are pleased to announce that we have a 4 cabin Beneteau Oceanis 45 joining our fleet in 2020 which can sleep up to ten people.

Ideal for large families or groups. There are two double cabins at the bow and two double cabins at the stern with 2 bathrooms.

The Beneteau Oceanis 45 is available for Bareboat and Skipper charter.