



## Pre Course Information

Hamble River Boat Yard | Bridge Road  
Swanwick | Southampton  
Hampshire SO31 7EB

### Address for courses:

Mendez Marine Hamble River Boatyard, Bridge Road, Swanwick, Southampton Hants SO31 7EB  
**Phone: +44 (0)1489 588977**

### By Car:

- Leave M27 at Junction 8, at roundabout from the East take the 1st exit, from the West take the 3rd exit.
- Follow to the next roundabout; take the 1st exit A27 sign posted Bursledon.
- Follow down the hill (approx. 1.2 miles), go under the railway bridge, over the River Hamble and turn immediately left into Hamble River Boatyard
- There is a Fairline Showroom on the right as you drive in, we are above that and the door is just to the left of their main entrance. **Call 07985 954260 if you require assistance on the day.**

### Parking:

As you turn into the boatyard, turn left, go through the big blue gates on your left and park facing the main road.

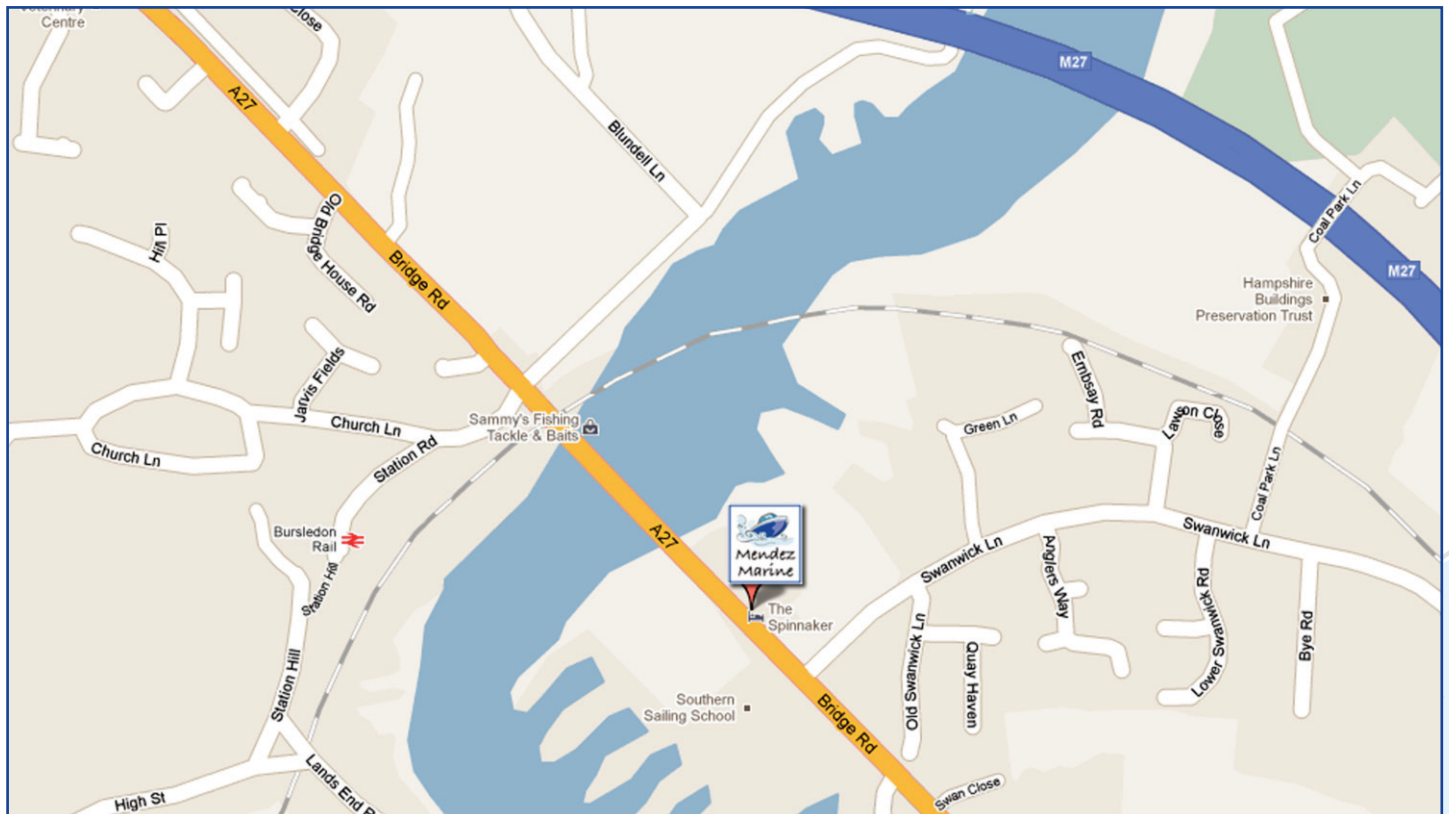
### By Train:

Nearest British Rail station is Bursledon, which is on the branch line from Southampton to Portsmouth, both of which are served by London Waterloo. The Training Centre is a five minute walk from Bursledon Station, just walk out of the station car park, turn right to the main road, turn right again and walk under the railway bridge and across the Hamble River bridge, where we are immediately on the left above Fairline Southampton.

If you choose to stop at Southampton Central, buses from Southampton are the 78 and 80. Taxi from Southampton Central is about 12 minutes and from Southampton Parkway (Airport) is 15 minutes.

### Taxi Numbers:

- Phoenix Cars: 023 8045 8868
- Access Cars: 023 8045 8855
- City Cars: 0700 444 4444
- Fleet Taxis: 023 8045 0100
- Streamline Taxis: 023 8022 3355
- Viking Cars: 023 8040 8633





## Course Start Times:

### Practical Powerboat Courses

All powerboat courses **start at 09:00** on both days, Level 1, 2 and Intermediate courses **finish about 17:30** each day. **Advanced courses** which include a night exercise (usually on the first day) will finish when you get back to base, this depends on the time of year and when its gets dark. **As a guide in winter around 21:00 in summer around 23:00.** Day 2 on Advanced courses **finishes about 16:00.** Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided in the classroom but lunch is not. There are several good local places.

### Practical Motor Cruising Courses

**All start at 09:00** on the first day. Fees include fuel, mooring fees and loan of wet weather gear. On Motor Cruising courses lunch is provided, but not evening meals. You are most welcome to stay aboard our school boat by prior arrangement, however you will need a sleeping bag and a pillowcase.

### Shorebased Theory Courses

Please arrive for a **09:00 start** on the first day of the course. We provide tea, coffee and biscuits but not lunch. There are plenty of local eating places. Alternatively you are more than welcome to bring your own lunch. No accommodation is provided however a list of accommodation is available upon request.

## Domestic Arrangements

### What to expect...

Being on the water in a power driven craft is an exciting and challenging pastime. The prime aim of our motor cruising and powerboat courses at whatever level is to enhance your enjoyment, safety and education. Whether you are new to boating or more experienced your instructor will take time to find out what you expect from the course and endeavour to meet those expectations.

With the exception of Helmsman all our Motorcruising courses (and Advanced Powerboat) have a certain amount of night hours, therefore finishing times vary dependant on the season.

### Clothing...

We recommend you bring with you warm clothing ie. thin thermal layers, fleece, gloves, hat as well as sunglasses and sunblock. Clothes that are quick drying are preferable to jeans. Footwear is important so deck shoes or non-slip trainers with non marking soles. Basically come prepared for the British climate!

### Wet weather gear and sleeping bags...

Good quality wet weather gear is important and if you don't have your own you can use ours free of charge. If you have by prior agreement arranged to stay onboard (motor cruising courses) we can supply sleeping bags if you dont have one or you could bring a duvet with you.

### Food and drink...

On Motor cruising courses the fees include food and drink for the course except the evening meals. If you have any specific dietary requirements, please let us know. However within the confines of a vessel at sea we will do our best to cater for allergies/intolerances vegetarians etc. For obvious reasons there is a strict no alcohol policy at sea.

### Safety...

Your personal safety is of paramount importance to us. You will receive a full safety brief before all courses, so please always follow the instructors requests. The environment you are entering is very different from that ashore so it's important that safe thinking and practices are adopted by all. We all need to look after ourselves and each other. All required safety equipment is onboard each vessel and you are very welcome to bring your own equipment such as lifejackets should you have them.

### Cancellation Policy & Insurance...

Please read the terms and conditions contained within the booking form.

### Exam Candidates

Emphasis on an exam preparation course will be on polishing your strengths and developing your weaker areas during the week. We will also ensure that you are aware of the standards required to successfully pass your exam. The examiner will join the boat on the last day and the exams will normally continue through until late that night.

Please remember to bring your log book, passport photo, First Aid certificate and VHF radio license. You can pay the exam fee by cheque or credit card.

### And Finally...

We all wish you a fantastic time whilst with Mendez Marine. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

**'We make boating fun!'**