

## Alternative Qualifications for the BCU Navigation and Tidal Planning Courses

Where either the **BCU Coastal Navigation and Tidal Planning** or **BCU Open Water Navigation and Tidal Planning** course are required as a prerequisite for other BCU Awards or Qualifications the following qualifications are also considered appropriate:

### **RYA Theory Courses:**

- RYA Basic Navigation and Safety Course  
(Suitable only as an alternative to the BCU Coastal Navigation and Tidal Planning)
- RYA Day Skipper Shorebased Certificate
- RYA Coastal Skipper and Yachtmaster Shorebased Certificate
- RYA Yachtmaster Ocean Certificate of Competence

### **RYA Practical Courses:**

- RYA Powerboat Advanced Certificate - Certificate of Competence
- RYA Day Skipper Practical Certificate (Tidal Waters); under Sail or Motor
- RYA Coastal Skipper Practical Certificate (Tidal Waters); under Sail or Motor  
(Either course completion certificate, or certificate of competence)
- RYA Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competence

### **Canoeing Ireland Navigation Awards:**

- Canoeing Ireland Essential Coastal Navigation  
(Suitable only as an alternative to the BCU Coastal Navigation and Tidal Planning)
- Canoeing Ireland Advanced Coastal Navigation  
(Suitable only as an alternative to the BCU Open Water Navigation and Tidal Planning)

**Periods of Validity:** Where the BCU Coastal Navigation and Tidal Planning, or BCU Open Water Navigation and Tidal Planning course is stated as a prerequisite for other BCU awards, and it is required that the course has been completed within a specific time period. Where any of the above courses are used as an alternative prerequisite the same periods of validity apply.

**Other Qualifications:** Candidates who have completed any other alternative training in navigation / tidal planning, not listed above are able to apply for accredited prior learning through the BCU APL system. Further details of which are available on the BCU Website.