

BRNC Motorwhalers

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Vessel Type

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Skipper / Captain

BRNC Officer Cadets

The motor whaler is a 27-foot open boat, weighing in at approximately 2.5 tons and constructed of glass-reinforced plastic (GRP). The Royal Navy has used the whaler in various forms for 150 years. Previously they could be seen on the davits of most warships and were used as a ships tender, general sea-boat and lifeboat. Built between 1970 and 1989, BRNC's whalers are the only ones still used by the Royal Navy and are used to introduce Officer Cadets to basic seamanship skills. They are taught a range of manoeuvres including how to pick up a mooring buoy, recover a man overboard and come alongside a jetty. These skills are tested on the River Dart where the Officer Cadets use Motorwhalers alongside the larger Vahana catamaran craft during their final leadership assessments.

