

## Who Are the Marine Cadets

The Marine Cadet Section was formed in 1955 at the request of the Commandant General Royal Marines. Although it is an integral part of the Sea Cadet Corps, it looks to the Corps of Royal Marines for its styles and standards of dress, drill and training.

Alpha Company is commanded by a Company Commander; Alpha Company forms one of the six Marine Cadet Companies with in the Marine Cadet Section of the Sea Cadet Corps.

The Marine Cadet Companies are known as:

- Alpha Company – South West Area
- BRAVO Company – North West Area
- LIMA Company – London Area
- XRAY Company – Eastern Area
- YANKEE Company – Northern Area
- ZULU Company – Southern Area



The Companies are broken down into Troops and are commanded by a Troop Commander.

Alpha Company Troops:

- 1 Troop - Alpha Company
- 2 Troop - Alpha Company
- 3 Troop - Alpha Company

The Troops consist of individual Detachments. The Detachments are imbedded within a local Sea Cadet Unit.

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## Marine Cadet Recruitment

### "If you've got the bottle tell it to the Marines!"

And pretty soon you could be following in the footsteps of the; Royal Marine Commandos – the cream of Britain's fighting forces. Learn the combat skills of camouflage and concealment, reach a rendezvous with a map and compass or just the stars to guide you and get to grips with the firepower of some of the latest weapons. Yes, you can test your talents against one of the toughest challenges in the book and develop new skills to give you a head start in life. Alpha Company has Marine Cadet Detachments all around the South West, South Wales and Midlands area. Check out our website at [www.acoy.co.uk](http://www.acoy.co.uk) to find your nearest Detachment. And to really impress your mates, there's a bonus instore, for when you change out of your combat kit, for parades and ceremonial occasions you'll wear the famous "Blues" – best uniform of the Royal Marines.

As you'd expect, the Marine Cadet Detachments are highly disciplined so that each member of a "Section" can depend one hundred percent on their mates.

You'll learn self-discipline and teamwork. And because you're part of a Sea Cadet Unit there are all the water-borne activities too.

The Marine Cadets are currently open to boys and girls from the age 13 and promotion prospects are good. So when you make Cadet Sergeant, you'll be leading your own troops on training exercises and challenges. So why not move on from Action Man and make believe of computer games, become a Marine Cadet -- and get real!

If you want to find out more about your nearest Marine Detachment in Alpha Company (South West Area) or just more in general please contact us.

## Cadet Frequent Questions and Answers:

### *How old do I have to be to join the Marine Cadets?*

If you are aged between 12.9 and 18 then you can join as a cadet.

### *Do I have to join The Royal Marines if I become a Cadet?*

Absolutely not! The Sea Cadet Corps is sponsored by the Royal Navy and we use much of their equipment and facilities, but there is absolutely no obligation to join any of the armed services at any time. You can also leave the Marine Cadets at any time.

### *Will being in the Marine Cadets help me if I want to join the Royal Marines or any of the Services after my studies?*

Most definitely! We follow much of the military training syllabus which will give you a great advantage over those that have not had any Cadet experience. Many of our cadets who do join the Royal Marines qualify from training as the best recruits as they already have a good grounding in military skills before they start their training.

### *Will I be provided with a uniform?*

On joining the Marine Cadets as a Cadet you would be issued with a uniform and any equipment necessary to carry out your training.

### *Can I participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme?*

Yes you can. The Sea Cadet Corps operates the 'D of E' Award Scheme all elements of this award can be completed as part of your normal Marine Cadet activities.

### *What is a BTEC qualification?*

As a Marine Cadet you can work towards a BTEC in Public Services, Music or Engineering as part of your normal activities. These are nationally recognised qualifications which is the equivalent to four Standard Grades in Scotland level 1 to 3 or four GCSEs at grade A\* to C. You can also gain a Certificate in Team Leading from the Institute of Leadership and Management through the CVQO and Its All Free!

### *Is there a chance of foreign travel?*

There are both nationally and locally organised foreign exchange trips available for Cadets to many different countries throughout the world. The Sea Cadets is a member of the International Sea Cadet Association These could include adventurous training in Canada or Bavaria, learning survival skills in the Australian outback or just visiting a Royal Marines Unit or Royal Navy or Royal Fleet Auxiliary Ship. What is available will largely depend on your time and your personal drive!

## Instructor Recruitment

**Are you over eighteen with a bit of time on your hands and want to put something back into your local community, gain qualifications and develop key life skills too!**

We greatly value our adult instructors, without whom Alpha Company or the Marine Cadets just simply could not function. Whatever your background, qualifications and experience there is a place for you within the Alpha Company Marine Cadets. Alpha Company has Marine Cadet Detachments all around the South West, South Wales and West Midlands area and we are constantly expanding!

If you're interested in developing yourself, gaining qualifications and awards, we can help you. Our adult training and development courses are designed in such a way as to help you develop new skills; many are recognised with external civilian qualifications from examining bodies such as EDEXCEL, Institute of Leadership & Management and City & Guilds. There are also many other learning and development opportunities, which could see you become a qualified instructor in a huge range of activities that the Sea Cadet Corps offers such as: hill walking, kayaking, canoeing, climbing, communications, first aid, sailing, power boating, are to name just a few! These activities are also recognised and registered with external examining bodies. Many of these courses, qualifications and awards can help you develop leadership, problem solving and communication skills which will help you develop within your own workplace and career.

The financial support that we receive from the Royal Navy enables us to offer our uniformed volunteers a number of days' training pay and travelling expenses each year.

Alpha Company and the Marine Cadets enjoy the benefit of the strong close liaison and links with the regular Corps (Royal Marines) and we are honoured and privileged to be part of that 'Corps', the best family in the world!

It doesn't matter whether you've got previous experience dealing with young people or not - we're just looking for willing volunteers who want to be part of the team and enjoy the satisfaction of seeing our Cadets develop and mature.