



TORBAY YOUTH SAILING TRUST

Royal Torbay Yacht Club (Opposite Living Coasts)

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Dear Parent,

Sailing Courses for 8 to 16 year olds & Costs

We are offering the following two day courses to run on:

Wednesday 05th & Thursday 06th April 2017

Thursday 01st & Friday 01nd June 2017

Monday 31st July & Tuesday 01st August 2017

Thursday 03rd & Friday 04th August 2017

All courses will start at 0930 & finish at 16.30hrs.

The cost will be £150 for each two day course, this includes a membership fee for the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (renewal due 01/01/18). The membership fee is only payable once. Subsequent course costs will be £104.

Introduction

The Torbay Youth Sailing Trust courses will be led by a senior instructor & their team of RYA qualified dinghy instructors.

The boats we currently use are RS Qba's and RS Tera's for beginners . We aim to use Qba's, Feva's, Tera's or Cadet dinghies for the more advanced juniors. We teach in accordance with the RYA 'Start Sailing' syllabus for young sailors. The basic elements of this come in four stages, by the end of which, all junior sailors should be able to sail competently round a triangular course without the instructor being in the boat. However, this depends on individual rates of learning. I expect all the beginners will have reached Stage 1 by the end of the first course. I hope they'll have lots of fun and get a good grounding for being confident on the water in the hope that they will want to continue sailing during the remaining weeks of the year.

It will be helpful if everyone can arrive promptly at The Royal Torbay Yacht Club, so that we can make maximum use of our available time.

Clothing & Equipment

Please make sure that your child arrives in their normal day clothes, bringing with them:-

- * If your child owns a wetsuit, these are ideal together with a spray top or cagoule .
- * They must have footwear that doesn't matter getting wet - not wellies, which fill up with water. 'Jellies' , cheap plimsolls or old trainers are fine.
- * They **must** be warmly dressed - several layers are best and if they happen to have a plastic cagoule or raintop, so much the better. A hat of some sort helps a lot as well. It is always colder on the water than

on land and a cold child will not want to learn. Anyone not suitably dressed won't be allowed to sail.
* I have a few buoyancy aids for absolute beginners to use, but if your child takes to the idea, I should appreciate your considering buying a buoyancy aid for him/her personally. We can advise on possible places to purchase these.

* Please also have your child bring a towel and a change of clothes & shoes with dry socks for afterwards.

* Please bring a packed lunch & soft drink (no glass bottles please). Sun tan lotion will also be necessary.

Logbooks and Certificates

I am able to supply RYA Logbooks for the Juniors to record progress and put their Start Sailing certificates into.

Please email wjbutcher07@btinternet.com to check availability and then complete the attached booking form & return with a cheque payable to TYST, to the RTYC Office.

I look forward to meeting your child/children on the course.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Butcher
Principal TYST