



Great that you are interested in this RYA course run at Medway Yacht Club.

Course: RYA Youth Sailing Scheme, Start Sailing Stage 1

Length of course: 3 days

Timings: 9:30am – 4:30pm

Location: Medway Yacht Club, Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent, ME2 4XB

Who should do this course?

If you are a young person (8 -16 years old) and interested in learning to sail in a dinghy, this course is for you.

An introduction to the parts of the boat and the basic principles of how to get a boat sailing.

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Pre-course experience	None
Assumed Knowledge	None
Course content	Launching and recovery, sailing across the wind, turning around, steering and basic parts of the boat
Ability after course	Able to sail across the wind, steer and understand the basic principles of sailing
Minimum duration	3-day course
Minimum age	8 years old. (Over 16s may prefer to learn through the Dinghy Sailing Scheme). See sailing courses called 'Levels'.

Format:

Afloat predominantly practical on the water with some classroom elements.



Medway Yacht Club course terms and conditions

1. Participants must pay for courses at the time of booking.
2. Should a participant wish to cancel, they must do so giving not less than 14 days' notice before the start date of the course. In this event a full refund or credit will be made. If less than 14 days' notice is given, Medway Yacht Club will retain the full cost of the course.
3. Medway Yacht Club always reserves the right to cancel the course. Depending on reason for cancellation, Medway Yacht Club may credit to another course or offer a full refund to participants.
4. Participants with a medical condition must notify Medway Yacht Club through the booking process. This information is kept confidential.
5. All children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult who is on the club premises for the duration of the course. This responsible adult must be 18 years or older.
6. All bookings are accepted on the understanding that the participant confirms their suitability for taking part including pre course certification or experience required.
7. All participants must wear a personal flotation device whilst afloat.
8. Buoyancy aids used should comply with EN 393/ISO 12402-5 (50 Newton/Level 50) or USCG Type III PFD standards. Crotch straps should be used if fitted. Lifejackets should be MCA or MED approved ("Wheelmarked") or comply with BS EN 396, BS EN 399 standards or their successors ISO 12402-2, 3 or 6. Adult's lifejackets should be a minimum of 150N and be fitted with a crotch-strap, whistle, retro-reflective materials. Medway Yacht Club has a limited supply of personal flotation aids. Please let us know before the course starts if you need to borrow one.
9. In the case of unfavourable weather conditions on the day of training, land-based learning suitable to the course may be provided. In this instance no credit or refund will be due.
10. The instructor reserves the right to end the training session with immediate effect should the participant compromise safety, or the aims of the course, through inappropriate behaviour.
11. Participants are asked to respect all the equipment that is provided and anyone who causes wilful damage will be required to pay or replace damaged equipment.
12. Medway Yacht Club does not take any responsibility for any personal/hired items or property brought to the club by the participant.
13. The information given by you through booking will be used by Medway Yacht Club to keep a record of all training completed at the club.
14. Medway Yacht Club may take photographs and/or film footage of training for use by us in connection with the promotion of the club and our activities. Should you not consent to this use of photographs or film please notify the club in writing.