



ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB (Opposite Living Coasts)
Torbay Youth Sailing Trust; courses for 8 to 16 year olds
12 Beacon Terrace
Torquay
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Dear Parent,

Courses & Costs

We are offering, two day courses to run on:

12th & 13th April 2011
31st May & 01st June 2011
02nd & 03rd June 2011
01st & 02nd Aug 2011
04th & 05th Aug 2011

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

The cost will be £95 for each two day course, this includes a £25 membership fee for the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (renewal due 2/01/12). The £25 membership fee is only payable once. Subsequent course costs will be £70.

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 Fun Boats for beginners (a two-handed boat that is also big enough to allow an adult instructor to be in the boat). We aim to use Qba's, Feva's or Cadet Boats 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 juniors 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 comes sensibly dressed:

- * 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 rather 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 may 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 cmhussey@hotmail.co.uk to check availability and then complete the attached booking form & return with cheque

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

Yours sincerely,

Bill Butcher
Rear Commodore Sailing