

Salcombe Dinghy Sailing

Welcome Letter

Thanks so much for booking your RYA Sailing course or Private Sailing Lessons. We hope you have a great time out on the water.

Here are a few pointers we think you may find useful.

Where to meet us.

We'll meet you for your Sailing lessons on Whitestrand pontoon which is in the centre of Salcombe. This is a commercial pontoon and is located just off the Whitestrand car park (TQ8 8JE).

Please walk onto the pontoon almost to the end. We ask that you arrive for your lessons a good 10 – 15 minutes before the start time noted on your invoice. This allows us to introduce you to your Instructor, issue a buoyancy aid and make for a prompt start.

All of our boats are kept on moorings a short boat ride away. We'll take you out there in our safety boats.

What to wear.

Please see document entitled kit list.

Boat Types

We've got 5 Wayfarers, 6 Laser Picos and 3 RS Qubas.

All looked after by 6 Safety Boats.

Changing Facilities.

There are toilet facilities at the top of the Whitestrand pontoon which you can use for changing.

Refreshments.

We would always recommend that you take with you some water and a snack.

Parking.

Our suggestion would be to park in a long stay car park, Creek car park (TQ8 8DU).

For more information please visit: <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/4562/Salcombe>

There is also the Park & Ride situated as you come into the Town on the Salcombe Road A381. For more information please visit <http://salcombetowncouncil.gov.uk/2016-park-ride-bus-service/>

Medical Conditions

Please make sure that you tell us at the time of booking of any medical conditions that we should be aware of. All our safety boats carry a first aid kit, mobile phone and a VHF radio.

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RYA Training Centre

We're a Royal Yachting Association Accredited Training Centre. RYA recognition means you will be taught to the RYA's high standards ensuring your tuition will be safe, informative and enjoyable. Our centre undergoes an annual inspection.

All our Instructors are RYA qualified, experienced, First Aid trained, and DBS checked.

Our courses attract a range of people who may be novice or expert, boy or girl. Our teaching ratios are kept low at either 1:3 or 1:6. A great learning experience for you.

Issuing of certificates depends on the demonstration of competence. We guarantee to give you the training and do our very best to help you pass the assessments.

Minimum Ages and Supervision

As a certified RYA Training Centre, there isn't actually a minimum age for learning to Sail. Aged 8 years is a great time to start with the courses. Taster sessions are available for those children who are younger. We find it helps if children are accompanied by a friend, sibling or parent. It's great if they have a genuine enthusiasm for learning and trying Sailing.

Unfortunately, we're unable to offer any lunch time supervision for children when having lessons by the day. A parent or guardian will need to meet those under the age of 17 at 13:00 and return back just before 14:00.

RYA Logbooks and Teaching Aids <https://www.rya.org.uk/shop/Pages/Default.aspx>

The RYA publishes over 100 publications. Some relate to specific training course and are a valuable study and learning aid. Others provide technical, legal or general boating advice. All are expertly written, informative, authoritative – and affordable.

RYA Membership <https://www.rya.org.uk/membership/Pages/why-join-the-rya.aspx>

The RYA is the National Governing Body for boating. By joining, they can help you get the most out of the boating you do. 'We're for people like you who love being on the water, enjoying the freedom of cruising open waters or inland waterways, or the thrill of racing, under Sail or power. Whether you're a beginner or an expert we're here to help you get the most from your time on the water'.

Dogs on Board

We're really sorry, but we don't allow dogs in any of our boats.

