

Easter Sailing School 2026

Monday 30th March until Friday 3rd April
09:30 - 15:30 each day

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BOOKINGS OPEN SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 7PM

SOME COURSES GET FULLY BOOKED VERY QUICKLY, WE ADVISE YOU TO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT



We are so excited to be getting everything ready for our Easter Sailing School Week. We are really looking forward to welcoming lots of young sailors to NBYC

Boats and Boat Hire

Each junior booked must have a boat to sail. The training boats that we use for the lower Stages are Optimists and Toppers. A limited number of boats are available for juniors to hire for the course, these are available on a first come, first serve basis. Boat hire bookings are made via WebCollect when you book your place on the course.

Boat hire costs £75. For Topper hire, a £50 deposit is required, this is refunded to you upon safe return of all the boat fittings at the end of the course.

Stage 4 is undertaken in double handed boats (RS Fevas), owned and provided by NBYC. If you would like to undertake Stage 4 in one of our visions, please contact the office in advance for permission.

Some students choose to undertake the Racing Stages in ILCA 4s or ILCA 6's. Please note, we do NOT accept ILCA 7's on our training courses. If you wish to use an ILCA on one of the racing courses, please email training@nbyc.co.uk prior to the course to make the training team aware.

Please note that we are happy to accept double handed boats on our racing courses, just let us know in advance.

Booking Process

The minimum age for Easter Sailing School is 8 years old.

Every child needs to be a member of NBYC to take part in the Course.

Sign up via WebCollect, the link will be available on our website, on our NBYC News WhatsApp group and our Training WhatsApp group.

Please ensure you book your children on to the correct course.

If your chosen course is full, there is a waiting list option available to select on WebCollect. Please select 'waiting list' and process the booking as you normally would via WebCollect. You will not be asked to pay anything until a course space is confirmed.

If there is not a space on your preferred group, please do not just book another course, as we will not be able to guarantee a transfer between courses due to our safety ratios. We are sorry, but we will not be able to honour the places of children who are booked on to an incorrect stage.

If you are on the waiting list, the training team will review the waiting list and see if it is possible to source additional instructors and safety boats for over subscribed courses. **Please wait for us to contact you, which we will do if a space becomes available.**

CLOTHING: TOP TIPS!

The weather is really unpredictable at Easter, sailors will need to have warm kit, including wet/dry suit, hat, gloves, appropriate footwear and extra warm layers. Please make sure your child has a towel in their bag. A full kit list is included in the joining instructions when booking.

If you have any questions, please email us on - training@nbyc.co.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

WHICH COURSE DO I CHOOSE?

We hold student records from the courses that the children have completed and had signed off at NBYC. If your child has been on a course at another sailing centre, or has done significant sailing since their last course, please contact us to discuss which course they should be attending at Easter.

If your child has not had much practice on the water since their last qualification, please consider repeating the most recent stage they undertook to reinforce their skills and renew their confidence.

EASTER SAILING SCHOOL 2026 COURSES

Stage 1 Complete beginners (or very limited experience), who haven't done any RYA sailing courses or who would benefit from a confidence boost before moving on to stage 2.

Stage 2 During this course you will continue to develop basic sailing skills. You will learn to tack and control your boat speed. Must have completed Stage 1.

Stage 3 Having completed Stage 3 you will be able to launch and sail a dinghy around a triangular course in moderate conditions. Must have completed Stage 2.

Stage 3+ This is perfect for those who wish to enhance their independent sailing before progressing. We will cover Stage 3 skills and elements of the Seamanship Course, honing your sailing skills and building even more knowledge whilst having fun on the water. This is not an RYA certified course. Must have completed Stage 3.

Stage 4 Apply your sailing skills to helm and crew a double handed dinghy. You will not need your own boat or need to hire a boat, we will predominantly sail in NBYC RS Fevas. This is a great course for building confidence, applying your skills in a new way and improving your on water communication. You must have completed Stage 3.

Start Racing The first course in the RYA Racing syllabus. Must have completed either Stage 3 or Stage 4.

Combined Racing including; Club & Regional Racing

Club Racing: Builds on skills from Start Racing and covers: developing greater awareness of the key principles of steering, boat handling, boat speed, strategy and tactics.

Regional Racing: This course enhances your ability to adapt to changing conditions and different venues, in preparation for open meetings and higher level competitions, as well as improving your post-race analysis.

Please note that **all** the RYA Racing modules routinely take more than one season to complete, and require you to be racing regularly in between your training courses.

