

Summer Cadet Weeks 2026

Monday 3rd August to Friday 7th August (Week 1)
Monday 10th August to Friday 14th August (Week 2)

BOOKINGS OPEN **19:00 SUNDAY 26TH APRIL**

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



Booking Process

Bookings for the Summer Cadet Weeks are taken by our booking system, WebCollect.

Links to the WebCollect booking page will be made available prior to the course date opening. Please note that the booking page will temporarily become unavailable around an hour prior to the bookings going live at 19:00 on Sunday 26th April.

Please ensure you sign your children up to the correct course.

Which Course Do I choose?

We have student records from the courses the children have completed at NBYC. If your child has been on a course at NBYC, but it is not signed off in their logbook, please contact us to discuss which course they should be attending.

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.

Membership

All children aged 8 years and over need to be an NBYC Member in order to access training at NBYC. If your child is 7 or under, they do not need to have a membership.

Age Guidance

We will take sailors on Water Rats from 7 years old. Occasionally we will take a water confident 6 year old who is known to the club, please contact the training team for permission prior to booking.

We accept sailors on our RYA courses from 8 years old.

For our new 'Spinnakers and Anchors' group (Fun in Double handers) we will accept sailors from 10 years old.

For our performance sailing course, sailors must be 12 or over.

Waiting List

If, when you come to book, your chosen course is full, please **DO NOT** just book another course that you do not wish your child to attend.

We cannot move your booking if the course is showing as fully booked, and will not be able to honour the places of children who are booked on to the wrong courses.

If your chosen course is full, there will be 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.

Our training team work hard to offer spaces to as many sailors as possible, and will attempt to open up course spaces subject to boat and instructor availability. Wherever possible, the waiting list will be offered spaces on a first come, first served basis.

Please **DO NOT** contact the office immediately; the training team will review the waiting list and see if it is possible to source additional instructors and boats for over subscribed courses. We will contact you if we are able to make a space available for your child.

**If you have any questions that aren't answered here, please contact
training@nbyc.co.uk.**

Summer Courses Available

All courses run 09:30 - 15:30, Monday to Friday (with the exception of Performance Sailing).

Water Rats For our very youngest sailors, an action packed week to build water confidence, with some sailing, paddling and lots of fun! Age 7+ (on occasion we will take a water-confident 6 who is known to the club, please contact the training team for permission prior to booking). **Please note this is not an RYA Course.**

For Stages 1 & 2 this year we will be running a combined sign up. We will then divide and allocate sailors on the first day according to ability and prior experience. Please note that this combined group does NOT mean sailors will be completing both Stage 1 and 2, but it will allow us to ensure all sailors get tuition appropriate to their experience.

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. Learn to steer, control your sail and turn your boat around. Age 8+

Stage 2 Must have completed Stage 1. Developing your skills including sailing to windward and improved manouvres. Age 8+

Stage 3 Must have completed Stage 2. Improving your sailing to the point of sailing a triangular course, enhanced manouvres, and active application of the 5 Essentials. Age 8+.

Stage 4 The introductory course to double handed sailing. Applying your Stage 3 skills in a double handed boat, with additional skills to continue your progression while sailing with someone else. Boats are provided for this course by NBYC, so there is no need to bring your own double hander.

Spinnakers & Anchors NEW FOR 2026! Must have completed Stage 4, or have appropriate experience. A week of fun in double handers; some seamanship skills, racing and sailing with spinnakers. Boats are not provided for this course, please make sure you have access to a suitable double handed boat to sail (RS Fevas, Laser 2000s or RS Visions preferred). Age 10+. **Please note this is not an RYA Course.**

Start Racing Must have completed Stage 3. Start Racing - The first course in the RYA racing syllabus, giving sailors the skills to get to the start line and succeed around a race course.

Combined Racing including; Club & Regional Racing Must have completed their Start Racing course. Students in combined racing will be divided according to experience, to ensure they have the best possible training. Please note that we will happily accept double handed boats (if sailors sign up as a pair, with their own boat) in our Club and Regional Racing group. Should enough double handers sign up, we will run them as a separate double-handed racing group.

Performance Sailing (Week 1 only) Must have completed Stage 4. Spinnakers, trapezing and advanced boat handling in faster double handed dinghies. Minimum age 12+. Please note this course runs at different times (14:00 - 18:00 each day) and the course price is adjusted accordingly. Boats are provided for this course by NBYC. **Please note this is not an RYA Course.**

Boats & 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.

Sailors in the 'Spinnakers and Anchors' group will need to provide their own double hander to sail. Should you have any problems with this, please contact training@nbyc.co.uk.

Stage 4 and Performance Sailing are undertaken in double handed boats (RS Fevas and RS Visions), owned and provided by NBYC.

Some students choose to undertake the Racing Stages in Laser 4.7s or Laser Radials. Please note, we do NOT accept Laser Standards on our training courses. If you wish to use a Laser on one of the racing courses, please email training@nbyc.co.uk prior to the course to make the training team aware.