

# Salcombe Dinghy Sailing

## Welcome

Thank you very much for booking your RYA Sailing course or Private Sailing Lessons. We hope you enjoy your time out on the water.

## Where to meet us

We will meet you on Whitestrand car park, top left-hand side of the car park, opposite the Harbour Office. There is no car parking available here to cover the length of your Sailing lessons. Please see separate point on where to park.

Access to Whitestrand Pontoon is limited to reduce the number of people on the pontoon.

Please arrive for a good 15-20 minutes before the lessons are due to start. For morning lessons arrive from 09:45 onwards. For afternoon lessons, arrive from 13:45 onwards.

Please check in with a member of staff who has a register.

Please ensure that you are dressed correctly and have everything ready to go before checking in.

Once checked in, you will be directed onto Whitestrand pontoon to our Instructors and our safety boats.

## Where will I be Sailing?

We use different areas of the estuary to Sail, depending on what the wind and the tide are forecast to do on the day. Popular areas for us to use are Southpool Creek and Widegates. It is worth noting that we do Sail in the rain.

## Boat Types

We have got 5 Wayfarers, 6 Laser Picos, 3 RS Qubas, 1 Hawk 20 and 7 safety boats.

Our small boats are kept on a pontoon and then the larger boats are on moorings, all a short boat ride away. We will take you out there in our safety boats.

## What to wear.

Please see separate PDF entitled Sailing kit list and will be specific to the type of boat you will be Sailing in.

## Refreshments.

We highly recommend that you bring some water and a snack.

## Changing Facilities

There are public toilets located on Whitestrand car park. These can be used for changing before and after your session.

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## Medical Conditions

Please make sure that you tell us at the time of booking of any other medical conditions that we should be aware of.

If you are feeling unwell, we ask that you show us some kindness and do not attend your Sailing lesson.

## Parking

Please allow additional time to park and walk to Whitestrand car park.

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/parking/car-parks/creek-salcombe>

There is also the Park & Ride situated as you come into the Town on the Salcombe Road A381. For more information, please visit <https://salcombetowncouncil.gov.uk/2016-park-ride-bus-service-2/>.

There is also parking available in East Portlemouth <https://www.portwaterhouse.co.uk/parking>

## RYA Training Centre

We are 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 safety boats carry a first aid kit and our instructors carry a mobile phone and a VHF radio.

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. Youth Club ratios are 1:8. 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 absolute best to help you pass the assessments.

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## Minimum Ages and Supervision

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

Unfortunately, we are 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 just before 14:00.

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

The RYA publishes over 100 publications. Some relate to specific training courses 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/why-join-the-rya>

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 sorry, we don't allow dogs in any of our boats.

