

Terms and Conditions for Sail Training,  
Thorpe Bay Yacht Club

Thank you very much for your interest in learning to sail.

All of our club sailors had instructors helping their first steps in the past. Many of them have decided to use their time and experience to teach you to sail. They share a passion in sailing, have many pleasant memories and excited about new challenges. They would like to share their experience and help you to start this journey.

Sail training is run by volunteer instructors and helpers. All of our club officials are also volunteers. Reasonable efforts shall be made by all involved to make Sail Training successful this season.

Unfortunately success depends on many factors: volunteering, weather conditions, safety boats and many more. For this reason it is not possible to guarantee that Sail Training will go ahead, short term cancellation is a possibility, even on the day. Dry training on the land and classroom session may be offered. Reasonable efforts will be made to find alternative dates following a cancellation, but again no guarantees can be given for this to succeed. Completion of the Training may not be possible.

For all applicants under the age of 18 at the beginning of each course, a parent or appointed guardian is required to be in attendance either on the beach or in the club house for the duration of each day of training. Parents and or appointed guardians are reminded to consult the Thorpe Bay Yacht Club Parental Charter as to their responsibilities with their children. The Parental Charter is available from the Club office or from the Club web site.

Please, consider disclosing medical problems / disabilities, which may be relevant to safety and first aid. You can talk to the instructors in confidence or provide written information on the application form. There are risks involved which could be mitigated by relevant information and care.

Our primary concern is safety, please, follow the instructor's advice and guidance. We would like to make the training enjoyable and memorable to all participants. Please, speak up and tell the instructors straight away when problems arise, that gives us a chance to rectify them early on.

We are committed to respectful and kind treatment of students, and expect students to be respectful and kind to each other and to their instructors. All instructors are volunteers giving back time and effort they received by their instructors in the past.

We may take photographs and video footage during the training which may be used for promotion of the club on the internet or media. Please, tell us if you have an objection to this for any reason and we will respect that.

Please, read the following documents applicable to all club members.  
This is relevant to Sail Training:

Child Protection Policy  
Child Protection Procedures  
Child Protection Parent Charter

Link:

<https://www.tbyc.org/Child%20Protection%20Policy/>

#### DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The responsibility of the decision to participate and to continue to participate in the Sail Training is of the applicant's / parent's / carer's responsibility alone.

Each participating private boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 3 million per event or the equivalent.

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each participant agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

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