



Waldringfield Sailing Club

Junior Sailing

What is it?

Junior Sailing is an opportunity for children to experience the joy of sailing by being taken out by an experienced helm for a relaxed hour or more on a Saturday morning. It is aimed at those that don't want to commit to Cadet training or are too young to try Go Sailing.

Who is it open to?

The sessions are open to those in school years R to 7 with little to no sailing experience. You do not need to be a member of WSC. Parents or other responsible adults must stay at WSC at all times during Junior Sailing and priority places will be given to those willing to take children out in their own or borrowed boats or willing to help in the galley, in rescue boats or on the shore.

Is there a charge?

There is no charge for Junior Sailing.

How do I book?

For 2024, we are booking children on to Junior Sailing who can take part in one or more of seven sessions. We would like applicants to indicate which of the sessions they would like to attend as this would help our planning. If you are unable to make the sessions then please let us know in the week prior to sailing by emailing or messaging Kieran Barnes on 07913 744 506 or kieranbarnes5@gmail.com.

Places will be confirmed by the organisers on the Thursday before the session.

How should I come prepared?

Registration is between 9.30am and 9.45am. The organisers will explain the activities for the morning. Children should arrive dressed in appropriate clothing for sailing. All kids will be off the water and boats derigged, if necessary, by 12pm.

Please wear clothing and sunscreen appropriate for the conditions. It is usually colder on the water. Dinghy sailing clothing is useful but not necessary; a waterproof coat, shoes that can get wet (e.g. old trainers or beach shoes but not welly boots), a fleece jumper and a hat. Please also bring a towel and a change of clothes too. Please also bring a correctly fitted buoyancy aid if you have one.

What should I expect?

Junior Sailing is designed to be fun to help children enjoy sailing and being on the water. Junior Sailing is not dinghy sail training and doesn't count towards any RYA or other qualifications. Safety cover will be on the water during Junior Sailing. Help from parents or guardians wishing to crew the safety boats is also welcome. No qualifications are needed but bring a buoyancy aid and suitable clothing and footwear. If you are not sailing, this is a great way to get on the water and close to those that are.

When not sailing children can swim, play on/ around kayaks and use the paddleboards, subject to volunteers being available and weather permitting. In bad weather, Junior Sailing will be limited to shore events. In extreme weather, it may be cancelled altogether.