



Royal St. George Yacht Club

2020 Junior Sailing Courses FAQs

What age do sailors have to be to participate in the Current Phase?

Sailors must be 10 years of age and above as of 1st June 2020. We hope to be able to accommodate sailors of ages 8+ in the coming weeks but are not yet accepting registrations.

Will sailors be awarded their next Irish Sailing module (levels) in these clinic style courses?

The courses this summer will be different. The objective will be primarily on improving the junior's skills. That will be our main goal this summer. In the current phase, Irish Sailing Modules can be awarded subject to sailors meeting all Irish Sailing Requirements for their course. We will be updating each sailor's online logbook- Checklick with the relevant skills that they complete/ learn or update so that sailors and parents have an updated 'online logbook'. Remember that the objective for sailors is to improve their skills, please do not place unnecessary pressure on your sailors to 'pass their level' . Obtaining their module will come in due course, one module a season is a realistic goal for most sailors.

Where is the information from Irish Sailing on the 'modules'? Click [here](#):

Is food available at lunchtime?

In this current phase, there is no food available as the Club house is closed. As courses are ½ day only, if sailors are bringing food with them they should snack afloat if appropriate or afterwards offsite as there are no facilities ashore for sailor congregations.

What is the purpose of briefing / debriefing?

Each session on the water has been planned with goals and objectives in mind. A briefing gives the instructor an opportunity to communicate these objectives to trainees. A debriefing is an opportunity for the trainees and instructor to come together and discuss what progress was made towards the objectives. Both sessions are an essential part of the sailing course day.



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What should juniors wear on the water?

- Summer sailing brings a wide range of weather & it is rarely warm whilst out sailing
- Long Wetsuits are advised. Short wetsuits will not be accepted.
- A Cag (waterproof dry top) is strongly advised
- Sailing Gloves & Wetsuit Booties are essential
- Sun protection is essential – High factor, waterproof sunscreen, hat, possibly cheap sunglasses.
- All sailors should bring a bottle of water with them in their bag every day

Juniors should have all gear on them before they arrive. There will be no time or facility to change on site. Anyone not changed will be turned away.

Where can I put my valuables?

There is no available storage. Please bring little to nothing down other than what you take out on the water. Should you bring any items, please ensure that they are kept in a waterproof bag that you can keep in your boat or leave ashore (unsupervised).

What should I do if my child will miss a day of the course?

Missing a day of the course is not a problem. Please advise us in advance if your sailor will be missing a day. If that is not possible, please leave a message with the sailing office (01 280 1811 ex.3 or email sailing@rsgyc.ie / juniorsailing@rsgyc.ie

What should I do if I am going to miss a large portion of a course?

People often ask if they can do one week of one course and a week of another course. Unfortunately, due to health & safety and instructor cover, we cannot allow people to do this. We try to run courses at different stages of the summer to accommodate most people, unfortunately that is not always possible.



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What if the weather is bad and there is no sailing on some days?

Unfortunately, we cannot control the weather. In the current phase as we do not have the space to facilitate significant land-based activities, a Zoom call may be run instead where theory and videos will be looked at and reviewed (for more advanced sailors). There is also the option to use virtual regatta to practise racing. Every reasonable and safe effort will be made to sail. Boat maintenance and preparation will be carried out if social distancing requirements can be adhered to also. Fitness and offsite activities may also be availed of.

Can sailors wait on the foredeck until I collect them?

Once the session is finished and the allotted time slot has ended, the instructor will bring the group to the pedestrian gate where the juniors must leave the premises. This is to ensure appropriate social distancing in the club as other clinics will be commencing at staggered start time. There won't be space for juniors to wait on the premise once the allotted time slot has ended there will be no more supervision.

I haven't sourced a boat yet; can I swap in and out with my friend?

No, every sailor must have their own boat or the use of one for the entire course.

What do I do if my child doesn't have a boat?

Your child will need a boat to sail as there will be no spare boats. You can rent a boat, but you will need to come down in advance of the course to check it out. There will be no facility to check out or book boats on the morning of courses. There is a finite number of boats to rent. Optimists can be booked as part of the booking process for signing up for a summer course.

Can I book a course with my friend?

If you book the same slot and are of the same standard then yes. Note that there are limited spaces on each course this summer and while we will endeavour to match sailors up with their friends this can only be accommodated if they are at a similar sailing standard and sailing the same class of boat.



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Can parents come into the club to collect sailors?

In order to limit the number of persons on the premises in the current phase, sailors should be collected from the side gate only. There will be no access through the Club house. Please note that cars are not permitted on the Forecourt.

Can friends who want to try sailing book courses?

In the current phase this is not feasible as current course offerings are only for members' children.

How is free (unsupervised) sailing being accommodated?

Sailors under 17 years of age must be accompanied on the Forecourt by an adult and permission must be provided by the parent or guardian for the sailor to sail unsupervised. We do not recommend unsupervised solo sailing. Sailors should sail with other boats and/ or with safety cover.

What if I have another question?

If your query has not been answered here, please send an email to the sailing office sailing@rsgyc.ie or the senior instructor juniorsailing@rsgyc.ie and we will try answer any queries