

Learning to Sail at East Lancashire Sailing Club



The most important thing about learning is to ensure the course will meet your ambitions while being at the right level for your current experience. To make sure that's going to happen contact us and let's talk about what you need and how we can help you get there. You can contact our Chief Instructor by email info@sail-elsc.org.uk and he'll be happy to talk you through the courses we offer which are all listed below.

All our courses are operated by East Lancashire Sailing Club Training Centre under the auspices of the RYA. The courses take place at the Sailing Club located at Rishton Reservoir, Reservoir Side, Rishton, Lancashire BB1 9LU.

Course Fees

Each of the courses listed below last for two full days usually over a weekend. All sailing courses cost £150 which includes tuition, use of boats, safety equipment, registration with the RYA, logbook, certification and Club Dinghy Training Notes. All powerboat courses cost £200 which includes tuition, use of boats, safety equipment, registration with RYA, logbook, training manual and certification.

Cancellation Policy

A 25% non-refundable deposit will secure your place on any course. The remainder must be paid at the start of the course. If you drop out, or fail to arrive, the deposit cannot be refunded. Please give at least a week's notice of cancellation, so that your place can be offered to another candidate. The Course Instructor may cancel or postpone a course at any stage in the case of bad weather, equipment failure, or other issue. Under such circumstances the course will either be re-arranged or the course fee refunded.

Dinghy and Multihull Courses

Level 1 Start Sailing:

Sailing in all directions, an awareness of launching and recovery. 2 days minimum.

Level 2 Basic Skills:

Often combined with Level 1 into a 4 or 5 day course. Rigging, launching and sailing in all directions. Capsize recovery and essential safety background.

Level 3 – Better Sailing

Seamanship Skills: Launching and recovering a boat in a variety of situations. Stopping, reducing sail, recovering a man overboard and anchoring.

Sailing with Spinnakers: How to rig the boat, gybe and recover one type of spinnaker, either conventional or asymmetric and sailing the best possible course downwind.

Performance Sailing: Coaching to improve your sailing, primarily in two person boats with spinnakers.

Maximum Instructor:student ratio will be 1:3 for two-man boats such as wayfarers and 1:6 for single handed boats, such as toppers and optimists.



Powerboat Courses

Level 2 - Powerboat Handling

All you need to know for self-sufficient power boating at a basic level. Course includes launching, mooring, anchoring and recovery plus all the boat driving skills required for basic competence in a powerboat. There is a minimum age of 12 for this course and candidates under the age of 16 will be issued with an endorsed certificate.

Safety Boat

RYA Powerboat Level 2 certificate must be held prior to the course. The minimum age for this course is 16 and the student must have an understanding of sailing boats. Boat handling, rescue techniques for sailing dinghies, windsurfers and canoes as well as towing is included in this course.

Maximum instructor:student ratio will be 1:3.