RYA DINGHY KEELBOAT & MULTIHULL YOUTH COURSES

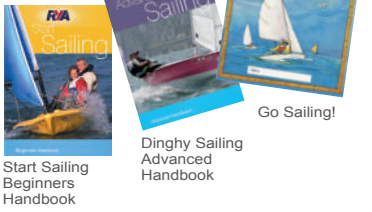
Dinghies, multihulls and small keelboats provide an exciting and cost effective way for the whole family to get afloat.
With courses preparing you for all varieties of sailing including the thrill of performance boats, racing and using spinnakers.
Probably the quickest and easiest way to learn to sail. Many centres run introductory sessions to give you a taste of the sport first.

Course	Assumed knowledge	Course content	Ability after the course	Min duration
Stage 1	None	Launching and recovery, steering, parts of the boat, basic sailing	Able to steer and understand basic principles	2 days or an equivalent number of sessions
Stage 2	Basic knowledge and steering ability to Stage 1 standard	Basic sailing skills, ropework, collision avoidance	Able to tack and control boat speed, and understand basic principles	
Stage 3	Up to and including Stage 2 standard	Rigging, launching and recovery, sailing techniques, capsize recovery, sailing theory	Able to launch & sail a dinghy around a triangle in moderate conditions	
Stage 4	Up to and including Stage 3 standard	Launching and returning to a beach, jetty or mooring, and sailing a crewed dinghy around a triangle in moderate	Able to launch & sail a dinghy around a triangle in moderate conditions	

RYA advanced modules for youths and adults

Course	Assumed knowledge	Course content	Ability after the course	Min duration
Seamanship Skills	Sailing skills to Stage 4 standard	Launching and recovering the boat in different circumstances, stopping, reducing sail, recovering a man overboard, anchoring	Able to handle a wide range of situations afloat	2 days or an equivalent number of sessions
Day Sailing	Skills and background knowledge to at least Stage 4	Preparing and planning for a day cruise, pilotage and decision making including adverse conditions	Able to plan and execute a cruise, depending on conditions	
Sailing with Spinnakers	Sailing and background knowledge to Stage 4 standard	How to rig the boat, gybe and recover one type of spinnaker, either conventional or asymmetric. How to sail the best possible course downwind	Able to use a spinnaker either conventional or asymmetric	
Start, Intermediate and Advanced Racing	For Start Racing you need sailing and knowledge to at least Stage 3 standard	From fun racing to regattas – all you need to know to get off the start line and round the course	If you go all the way through to Advanced Racing you will have developed your techniques and skills to enable you to confidently take part in higher level competition	
Performance Sailing	Skills and background knowledge to at least Stage 4 standard	Coaching to improve your sailing, primarily in two person boats with spinnakers	Able to sail faster and more efficiently in all conditions	

Recommended books



Start Sailing Beginners Handbook

Dinghy Sailing Advanced Handbook

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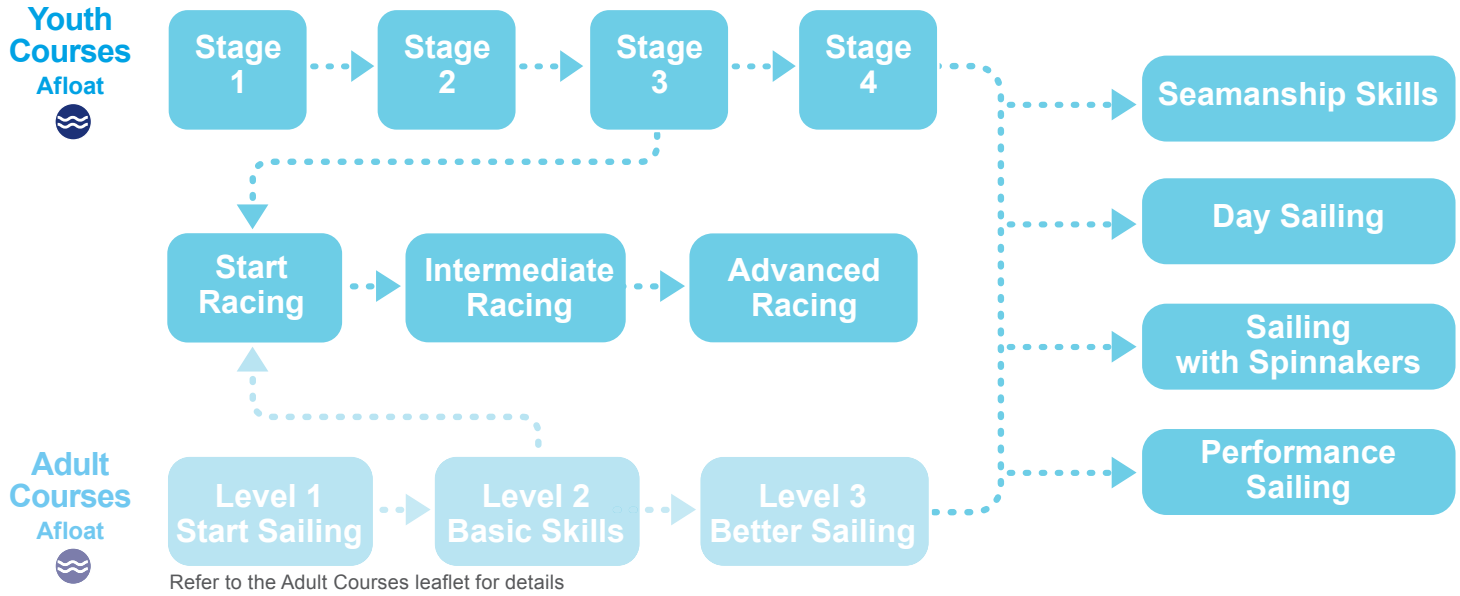
Start your training with a course appropriate to your experience - you don't have to start at the beginning.
Our recommended path through the courses is shown below.



Refer to the Adult Courses leaflet for details

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Recommended progression.

RYA training is also available for: Powerboat, Motor Cruising, Sail Cruising, Personal Watercraft, Inland Waterways, Windsurfing, Navigation, Specialist

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