

27th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Budmouth Academy is offering an amazing opportunity for your child to participate in sailing and to complete a sailing level 1, 2, 3, 4 and/or advanced sailing qualifications. These courses will be completed with the Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre, at the National Sailing Academy in Portland.

The Start Sailing Stage 1 course is aimed at students who are new to sailing and is about gaining knowledge and confidence when in a dinghy. At Stage 2, the students will be able to sail single and two-handed (with a crew) in light weather. They will start to sail around triangular courses and should gain some basic racing experience. (Many students take longer than 5 sessions to complete this).

The Start Sailing Stage 3 course is aimed at those who have an RYA Stage 2 certificate. Sailors will make progress towards their Stage 3 certificate by the end of the course. Students will be confident when sailing solo and two-up in a range of weathers. They will be able to sail around triangular courses with reasonable efficiency and have basic knowledge of racing and seamanship skills. This is a very big step up from the level 2 certificate and therefore time is needed to gain the necessary experience, and confidence, to gain a level 3. It is possible that some students will be able to start Stage 4 which builds on from level 3 and leads into the advanced sailing modules.

The sailing will take place **every Friday, 4.30 - 7.30 pm**. Commencing Friday 19th April up to, and including, Friday 24th May 2024. The courses are done in blocks of 6 weeks/sessions at a time.

The Andrew Simpson Water Sports Centre is a charity that provides the opportunity for young people to participate in sailing at a reduced price. All proceeds go directly towards the foundation and the running of the courses. The cost of each session is **£30.00**, a total of **£180.00** for all 6 sessions. Payment will be made via **ParentMail**. Places are secure once payment is received.

Additional information

All equipment such as wetsuit, buoyancy aids, helmet etc, will be provided by the foundation. However, you are welcome to bring your own.

There are no travel arrangements. Therefore, It is expected that you drop your child off at the Sailing Academy and collect them after each session.

Once paid, via parentMail, can you please fill out this emergency contact and child details form <https://forms.gle/3969aKWa4edf4enHA>

Spaces are limited so it will be on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in your child taking up this fantastic opportunity or have any questions, please email me at rlegg@budmouth-aspirations.org

Kind regards

Mr R Legg

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