

Sail4All 2021

Back for the coming season by popular demand, in new and exciting format, Sail4All (S4A) is programmed over 14 Saturday afternoon sessions starting Saturday 1 May (14.00 - 17.00), equally spaced throughout the summer months. The main purpose of S4A is to provide a safe, supervised and enjoyable environment on a non-race day in which all club members can practice their sailing skills. To this end, every session is a "free sail" with safety boat and beachmaster support.

S4A also provides the club with an opportunity to fulfill its aim to "improve the sailing skills of members". We are therefore trying something new and innovative this season, adding some extra value to S4A sessions for any sailor wishing to take advantage. Sessions will be themed around some of the boat handling, safety and racing techniques covered by the RYA Level 2 syllabus, and experienced club members will be on hand to demonstrate afloat the techniques being covered in focused "Confidence Builder" sessions. The coordinator will team S4A sailors who wish to take advantage of a CB session with club members who have volunteered to transfer their skills.

Conditional upon the continued relaxation of Coronavirus lockdown measures, sessions will be themed as follows:

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The 5 Essentials
1 May
                 Abandoned
8 May
                                        FS+CB - Boat Handling Skills
15 May
                 Points of Sailing
5 Jun
                Tacking & Gybing )
19 Jun
                    FS - Practise Boat Handling
26 Jun
                )
10 Jul
                Capsize
                                 )
                Man Overboard
17 Jul
                                 )
                                     FS+CB -
                                                 Safety Skills
24 Jul
                Come Alongside )
14 Aug
                Starting
21 Aug
                Practice Race
                                     FS+CB -
                                                Racing Intro
28 Aug
                Novice Race
                                  )
18 Sep
                Crewing Skills
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Attendance

All club members are welcome to attend S4A, to enjoy sailing and what the club has to offer on Saturday afternoons. Confidence Builders are optional, informal opportunities for less experienced members to develop their skills, capitalizing on the friendly volunteer ethos of our club. Sail in your own boat or take advantage of a boat provided by the club (a small number of which will be reserved for CB sessions).

If you intend to participate in S4A this season please click Here (the word 'Here' to the left) to access and populate a Google Sheet which will be used to help administer the series throughout the season (please indicate whether you wish to take advantage of CB sessions). Please also access the sheet if you wish to volunteer to transfer your skills as a more experienced member (no formal qualifications are necessary, though it will helpful if you identify on the Google Sheet any qualification you have). For more information, please email, or call the S4A coordinator, Andy Eastaugh (ac.eastaugh@gmail.com; 07518 032655).