Junior Learn to Sail in Tauranga



Tauranga Yacht & Power Yacht Club (TYPBC), one of New Zealand's top sailing clubs, has produced many New Zealand's world, Olympic, and Americas Cup sailing champions, and many more who chose to pursue sailing as a life- long hobby. Famous names such as Olympic and Americas Cup champion Peter Burling, 2021 World Laser champion Thomas Saunders, and Olympic bronze and silver medalists Sam and Molly Meech all spent their junior years growing up and sailing in Tauranga. Their success is attributed to the stunning sailing conditions prevailing on Tauranga harbor complemented by one of the best yacht club sites in New Zealand with expansive club rooms and spacious parking and rigging areas. Tauranga is a safe, fun, and internationally renowned location for learning the art and science of sailing.

TYPBC is committed to creating the next generation of both sailing champions and sailing lovers offering comprehensive and fun learn-to-sail and learn-to-race programs for children aged 8 to 15. We offer a clear path for children from 8 years + to learn to sail and race using equipment provided by TYPBC. The learning process involves a mix of both team and individual sailing in Optimist and RS Quest dinghies covering water safety, learning to sail individually and as part of a team, rope work, and boat preparation & maintenance.

No sailing experience is necessary, just an ability to swim 50m in a life jacket and have a bit of water confidence, but most importantly the desire to learn and have fun. We provide boats and lifejackets while you will need to supply suitable protective clothing including wetsuit, spray jacket, and hat. Also bring water bottles and sunscreen.

Our Coaches are Yachting New Zealand qualified, have completed a first aid course, and are trained in powerboat operation and safety. We run one coach to a maximum of six children ratio to ensure that all children are looked after in a supportive and stimulating environment. Please contact learntosail@yacht.org.nz for further enquiries.

Sailing Courses

Have-a-Go Sailing

We offer those who are new to sailing the opportunity to give sailing a go for one or multiple days in school holidays and throughout the school term. School holiday programs run for 6 hours starting at 9:00 am in spring and 10:00 am in summer. We also run several three-hour Saturday afternoon Have-a-Go sessions during the term starting at 1:00 pm.

Learn to Sail Pink

LTS Pink is a ten-session course over either five or 10 weeks designed to teach children the basics of sailing. There will be lots of fun and plenty of adventures including both group and individual sailing. Most of the sailing will be club supplied Optimist dinghies with some team sailing in RS Quests and Omega dinghies. In LTS Pink, children will develop the core sailing skills while having fun and meeting new friends. LTS Pink aligns with Yachting New Zealand LTS Levels one and two categories.

Learn to Sail Blue

LTS Blue is an exciting step up for children once they move on from LTS Pink. This course is based around learning the basics of how to race. As with LTS Pink, it is a 10-session course over either five or ten weeks. Children have a natural inclination to want to compete and LTS Blue is where we start to harness this. LTS Blue will be solely in club supplied optimist dinghies and is ideal for children who may have completed learn to sail courses in previous years and want to return to sailing. The next step form LTS Blue is to engage with regular club racing in your own boat. When your child gets to that point we can advise the best path forward including assisting with purchasing boats.

Schools Learn to Sail

We welcome enquiries from schools for custom designed learn to sail courses. Our regular learn to sail courses are also ideal inclusions in school sporting programs. Please contact our club coach to discuss possibilities at learntosail@yacht.org.nz

Frequently asked questions

How can I contact the Sailing School?

Reach out to our sailing coordinator at learntosail@yacht.org.nz.

Does the club provide the boats, or do I need to bring my own?

The club provides the boats.

How do I enroll?

Complete the attached enrollment form and send to learntosail@yacht.org.nz, or complete the online form at the TYPBC website.

Can I start a course mid-way through?

Contact the sailing coordinator to discuss. We will always do our best to accommodate integrate new children and families into the learn to sail program at TYPBC.

Am I guaranteed to be accepted into the course I chose?

We will endeavor to give you what you the course and times you request but due to excess demand for certain times or insufficient numbers to justify a course we may need to look at other options for you. In which case we will be in touch to discuss further.

Can I choose multiple courses?

Yes, you can.

My child has some sailing experience; I am not sure which course to enroll.

Contact our sailing coordinator. The best way to proceed may be to do a Have-a-Go day so our coaches can assess what level your child is at and the most suitable course to enroll.

How do I pay for the course?

Once course selection is confirmed we will invoice you with payment to be made by bank transfer prior to the course commencing.

What do I need to bring?

- Under clothing that is OK to get wet. Wetsuit is best if you have one, otherwise swim wear and synthetic fabrics are ideal.
- Waterproof jacket, and warm/protective layers such as thermals on colder days.
- Good fitting life jacket
- Lycra shirts and tights for sun protection on warmer days
- Cap or warm hat
- Suncream
- Gloves (cycling gloves can be good too) not completely necessary but good for grip
- Booties or shoes to get wet not completely necessary but good for grip
- Water bottle
- Medication (inhalers, etc.)
- Food. Snacks and lunch for all day courses
- Dry clothes and towel for after sailing
- Long hair must be tied back and is best covered with a hat

It is very important that you child is protected from the elements, both cold and hot. We have some wet suits, spray jackets and buoyancy aids for new sailors but it is best to bring your own as we cannot guarantee a good fit or sufficient quantity. If you need clarification on what is suitable sailing attire, contact the sailing coordinator.

Course Selection

Mark the courses you are interested in by inserting "1" for your 1st choice of day/time and a "2" for 2nd choice within a course category such as Have-a-Go. You can select any combination of courses you wish e.g. All three days in the Xmas Holiday program. We will do our best to accommodate your first choice and will be in touch if we can not.

Register early to have the best chance of success with your first choice. Pink and Blue fleet holiday program options should only be selected if you are currently or were previously registered in a Pink or Blue fleet course.

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Have-a-Go October Holiday Program - 11th through 14th Wednesday 12th October Thursday 13th October Friday 14th October	9:00 am - 3:00 pm 9:00 am - 3:00 pm 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	\$80 \$80 \$80
Have-a-Go Dropin		
Saturday 22nd October	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	\$40
Saturday 5th November	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	\$40
Saturday 19th November	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	\$40
Saturday 3rd December	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	\$40
Saturday 17th December	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	\$40
Have-a-Go Xmas Holiday Program - 19th through 23rd		
Wednesday 21st December	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	\$80
Thursday 22nd December	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	\$80
Friday 23rd December	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	\$80
Have-a-Go January Holiday Program - 18th through 20th		
Wednesday 18th January	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	\$80
Thursday 19th January	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	\$80
Friday 20th January	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	\$80

See next page for more courses

LEARN TO SAIL - PINK

Term 4 - Course 1 - October 17 through November 19		
5 sessions - 1 per week - Tuesday pm	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm	\$200
5 sessions - 1 per week - Saturday am	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	\$200
10 sessions - 2 per week - Tuesday pm and Saturday am		\$380
Term 4 - Course 2 - November 21 through December 17		
4 sessions - 1 per week - Tuesday pm	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm	\$160
4 sessions - 1 per week - Saturday am	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	\$160
8 sessions - 2 per week - Tuesday pm and Saturday am		\$300
Xmas Holiday Program - 19th through 23rd		
Monday 19th December	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	\$80
Tuesday 20th December	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	\$80
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