

A group of children and an adult are on a sailboat. The children are wearing life jackets and hats. The adult is wearing a dark jacket with "zhik" on the back. The sailboat has a green and white sail. The background shows a body of water and a hill.

JUNIOR LEARN TO SAIL COURSES



Junior Learn to Sail in Tauranga



Tauranga Yacht & Power Yacht Club (TYPBC) has produced many of New Zealand's sailing champions. Along with coaching a large number of people who choose to pursue sailing for enjoyment as a life-long hobby, earning its reputation as one of NZ's best sailing clubs.

Many renowned sailors have spent their junior years growing up and sailing in Tauranga. Their success can in part be attributed to the stunning/unique sailing conditions prevailing on Tauranga harbour, complimented by one of the best yacht club sites in New Zealand. We are very fortunate to have 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.

Sailors who learnt to sail in Tauranga include:

Peter Burling Volvo Ocean Race sailor, Olympic, 49er Worlds, 420 Worlds, Moth Worlds, Americas Cup and Sail GP champion;

Thomas Saunders World Laser champion and Olympian;

Jason Saunders Olympian, Sail GP and Americas Cup sailor;

Sam Meech Olympic bronze medalist, Youth and Under 21 Laser World Champion and Americas Cup sailor;

Molly Meech 49 FX World Champion plus other titles in the class, Olympic Silver medalist and Women's Americas Cup sailor;

Veerle ten Have iQFOiL Olympian and Youth America's Cup sailor.

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 to learn to sail, 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.

Sailing Courses

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, senior coaches 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 with any further questions.

Have-a-Go Sailing

We offer those who are new to sailing the opportunity to give sailing a go in the school holidays and occasionally through the school term.

Learn to Sail Pink

LTS Pink is a course 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 in the 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. Your sailor may take two or three blocks to work through pink, perhaps longer. It depends on their rate of learning and passing the criteria to move into the next course. Age and physicality play a part in this too. Not all sailors in your child's group will move to blue at the same rate. This is to ensure your sailor fully understands all the necessary elements before progressing, for their safety and enjoyment.

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 this is conducted in a 4-5 week course, taking as many courses as necessary to reach the level required to move onto Race Development.

Children have a natural inclination to want to compete and LTS Blue is where we start to harness this. LTS Blue will be in club supplied optimist dinghies or topaz toppers for larger sailors and is ideal for children who may have completed learn to sail courses in previous years and want to return to sailing.

Green Fleet

Green fleet is for those sailors that have completed Learn to Sail. Here you gain confidence to engage in club racing, and eventually enter regattas.

Green sailors need to have their own boat; if they are still small enough for an optimist, there may be the opportunity to rent one through the Bay Of Plenty Sailing Academy Trust. Green-level children are eased into race training and club day racing.

Once sailors gain enough confidence they will be encouraged to join in the Sunday racing and progress into the Race Team fleet when ready. We can advise the best path forward, including assisting with purchasing boats.

Race Team

Race Team Development/Open is the next step from LTS Green for those students keen to get into competitive sailing, where you start to engage in regular club race training and racing and travelling to regattas.

Schools Learn to Sail

We welcome enquiries from schools for custom-designed learn-to-sail courses. Our regular learn to sail courses are also an ideal inclusion 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 for Have-A-Go, Learn to Sail Pink and Learn to Sail Blue.

How do I enroll?

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

Can I start a course mid-way through?

We recommend starting the course at the beginning to ensure your child gets the basics before progressing. Jumping ahead and skipping skills can be a hinderance in the long run.

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

We will endeavor to provide courses 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. You can select Have a Go and also a Learn to Sail course.

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. Or you can pay online with credit card if you are registering through the website.

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 if you have one. We will provide if not.
- 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 your child is protected from the elements, both cold and hot. We have some 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.

A group of people, including children and an adult, are on a white sailboat on a body of water. The boat has a green sail and the name 'Quest' is visible on its side. The background shows a hilly coastline under a clear sky.

**We look forward to starting you on
your sailing adventure.**

Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club.



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