



Royal Gourock Yacht Club

RYA Discover Sailing Registration

Version:3 (24.01.25) Owners: RYA Discover Sailing Convenors

TERMS FOR PARTICIPATION AND ENROLMENT

1. WHAT YOU ARE OFFERED

The RYA Discover Sailing programme at RGYC offers two on-the-water sessions free of charge to non-members and RGYC House Members, sailing on one of the RGYC Piper class keelboats or on member's yachts.

2. RISK STATEMENT

It must be recognised that sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Discover Sailing Programme, you agree and acknowledge that:

- (i) You are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and you accept responsibility for exposing yourself to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the Discover Sailing Programme.
- (ii) You will always comply with the instructions of the Helm/yacht owner particularly with regard to instructions for boarding and leaving the boat and/or launching and recovery (as relevant), using the equipment on the boat and handling sails, wearing of lifejackets and the wearing of suitable clothing in particular footwear for the conditions.
- (iii) You accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by your own negligence.
- (iv) You will not participate in the Discover Sailing Programme if your ability to participate is impaired by alcohol, drugs or if you are otherwise unfit to participate.
- (v) You will inform the Discover Sailing Programme Convenor if there have been any changes to the information provided on this form at the time of the Event.
- (vi) The provision of supervision by the Discover Sailing Programme Organiser is limited to such assistance, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (vii) You understand that the Discover Sailing Programme is intended to give participants a chance to experience sailing. You will be offered the chance to take part in the activities under the guidance of a representative of the Discover Sailing Programme Helm/Boat Owner who has been assessed by RGYC as competent and sufficiently experienced to supervise your experience. These representatives may not be qualified instructors. The Discover Sailing Programme is not intended to and does not provide tuition or instruction.
- (viii) You are aware of any specific risks drawn to your attention by the Discover Sailing Programme Convenor, Helm, or Boat Owner.

The Organiser very much hopes that you will enjoy the Discover Sailing Programme and will be able to advise you on how to apply for Membership in RGYC and obtain tuition and instruction should you wish to take your experience to the next stage.

3. CANCELLATIONS

You understand that the Discover Sailing Programme Convenor may cancel or postpone the session at any stage in the event of bad weather, equipment failure or otherwise. Designated Helms / Boat Owners may also individually decline to sail for any of the above reasons.

4. MISCONDUCT

You understand that the Discover Sailing Programme Convenors may exclude anyone from a particular session and evict anyone from the premises who refuses to comply with these Terms or who misconducts themselves in any way or who causes damage or annoyance to other persons.



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5. DATA PROTECTION

The Discover Sailing Programme Organiser has a Data Privacy Policy which can be found at the RGYC website. Your data will be used and stored in accordance with that policy. The information you provide in this form will be used to facilitate your participation in the Discover Sailing Programme and to contact you. The Organiser would also like to include your contact details on a mailing list to make you aware of membership opportunities and future events in the club.

If you wish to withdraw your consent at any time, please contact royalgourocksocialsailing@gmail.com

6. PHOTOGRAPHY

The Discover Sailing Programme may arrange for photographs or videos to be taken at the Discover Sailing Programme for training and publicity purposes.

If you do not consent to the use of your image being used for these purposes, please complete the withhold/withdrawal section on the supplementary information form.

7. HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Participants in the Discover Sailing Programme must

A) Purchase and wear:

(i) a lifejacket (not a buoyancy aid). It is the participant's responsibility to ensure the lifejacket is serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. (For his/her first two lessons RGYC may be able to loan participants a life jacket.)

(ii) Warm wet-weather clothing.

B) Pay attention to safety briefings provided by the organisers or helm before every outing. Watch how experienced sailors get on and off the launch.

When boarding and when on the launch comply with all the boatman's instructions. Remain seated until instructed to move. Do not attempt to board or disembark from the launch without the boatman's authority.

C) On the sailing boat, always hold on with at least one hand even in calm conditions. (Passing ferries create waves which can take you by surprise). D) Be aware of ropes and other hazards on the decks and avoid getting your feet tangled up in ropes.

E) Always keep your head below the level of the boom, to avoid being hit.

F) Tell the skipper if you are uncomfortable, unwell, or cold.

G) The skipper will go over what to do if anyone falls in the water. Make sure you understand what to do (whether you are in the water or on the boat).

H) The helm is in command of the boat, and you must follow his/her instructions.