

Learn to Sail Summer Program

The Rockport Yacht Club (RYC) Learn to Sail Summer Program is open to new sailors from the age of 8 - 17, who want to discover how fun it is to sail! This program is focused on having fun while learning the basics of sailing.



The program is ten (10) days over a period of three (3) weeks. It is to be held at the Rockport Yacht Club, 722 Navigation Drive, Rockport Tx. We will have two (2) different sessions to choose from. Class size will be 10 students per session.

Schedule:

Session 1-

Week 1- June 3-5– Saturday, Sunday, Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Week 2- June 10-12 – Saturday, Sunday, Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Week 3- June 17-19– Saturday, Sunday, Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Graduation Day and Regatta- June 24- Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Session 2-

Week 1- July 1-2 – Saturday, Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Week 2- July 8-10 – Saturday, Sunday, Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Week 3- July 15-17– Saturday, Sunday, Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Week 4- July 22 Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Instruction Day)/

Graduation Day and Regatta- July 23- Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lunch, snacks and water will be provided each day to the students. And all students will receive a Sailing textbook from US Sailing, t-shirt, water bottle and completion certificate.

Cost of Program:

RYC Member's child- \$150.00 per child. \$75 down payment to reserve a space with balance due on or before the first day.

RYC Member's grandchild- \$250.00 per child. \$75 down payment to reserve a space with balance due on or before the first day.

Non-Member child- \$350.00. \$100 down payment to reserve a space with balance due on or before the first day.

Multiples discount: \$25.00 off each additional sibling in the same program after one.

Due to the limited spaces, there are no refunds or proration.

The Program

Some of the things that the students will learn are parts of a sailboat, knot tying, the basics of rigging and de-rigging, capsized recovery, identifying points of sail, wind direction and sail trim and sailing rules of the road. On the water safety is our top priority and practiced at all times.

Rockport Yacht Club has club-owned sailboats available for the sailing program students to use. The instructors will be on-the-water providing guidance and safety from a motor-driven safety boat as well as instructors being in place on the docks. Our instructors are enthusiastic, highly experienced sailors who have many years of experience running youth programs. Safe boating and safe behavior at the Club is the top priority of all concerned. Our classes are relatively small (8-10 students) to provide proper instruction to the young sailors.

All students must pass RYC's swim skills test to participate in the sailing program (to be conducted at the beginning of the program) and wear an approved PFD (life jacket) always when on or near the water. Preferred equipment list to be sent out at a later date.

During the program, the students will have an opportunity to crew on the RYC's Harbor 20 Sailboat, "Heidi", where they will learn how it differs from the dinghies they will be using in the program.

To reserve your child's place in the Summer Program, bookings must be confirmed and the down payment must be made no later than May 12, 2023 for participation in the first session or by June 12, 2023 for the second session. Please email the Youth Sailing Coordinator, Shannon Carney at shancarney01@yahoo.com with your child/s name, age, which Session you are registering for, shirt size and your contact details. You will then be contacted by the RYC Treasurer regarding payment. We can take cash, check or credit card.

