



RYDE SCHOOL
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SAILING AT RYDE SCHOOL

An island school with a global outlook

SAILING AT RYDE

Sailing is a core component of our curriculum, offered to all students, from novices to advanced sailors. We participate in a wide range of racing formats and events at local, national, and international levels. We take great pride in being one of the few non-selective schools in the country to offer sailing as part of the curriculum, with structured timetabled sessions. Through strategic partnerships with prominent organisations across the Island, we seek to maximize opportunities for our sailors and leverage our exceptional location at the heart of the UK's sailing community. Our esteemed partners include the Royal Thames Yacht Club, Island Sailing Club, Seaview Yacht Club (SVYC), Gurnard Sailing Club, and Tacktle Isle in Bembridge. Furthermore, we collaborate with world-class coaches to ensure our students receive the highest level of instruction.

RYDE SCHOOL SAILING & SPORTS MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide an exceptional sports programme, encompassing a diverse range of opportunities suited to all ability levels. We strive for excellence, foster character and inspire a lifelong passion for sport, physical activity and health. We are proud of our island and we embrace its unique challenges to ensure our community can access and succeed in a wide range of sports at all levels.



"Sailing at Ryde School has been a big part of how I've grown. It's helped me become more confident and taught me how to lead and work with others. By facing different challenges on the water, I've learned how to stay calm under pressure and guide my teammates to success."

Ruby Sunderland (current Ryde School Sailing Captain, Sonar National Champion 2023, 35th in World Match Racing Rankings)

"The sailing team has grown from strength to strength, culminating in a particularly successful 2024 season. To have been so successful across the year is a testament to the teamwork, dedication and ambition of our elite sailors and the fantastic staff who support them. They are a credit to themselves and our School."

Will Turner, Head Master



2024 SAILING CHAMPIONS!

Is sailing your passion? Interested in joining Ryde?

We offer scholarships for academic, drama, art, music, sport and sailing. Scholarships open up means-tested bursaries for entry into Years 7, 9 and Lower Sixth.



SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

1ST

U23 AND U19 NATIONAL MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1ST

SCHOOL AT BSDRA TEAM RACING FINALS

1ST

BSDRA KEELBOAT LEAGUE

1ST

2ND

RYA SCHOOLS' MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS



“At Ryde we hold a firm belief that sailing builds resilience, independence and confidence in our young people. Our proximity to the heart of the UK sailing scene and the contacts and partnerships that affords, ensures our pupils have access to opportunities for beginner to elite dinghy sailing and small, medium and large keel boat practice and racing through the curriculum and inter schools competitive racing”

Claudia Manser, Director of Sailing

THE SAILING PROGRAMME AT RYDE

FROM BEGINNER TO ELITE: PATHWAYS OF EXCELLENCE

YEARS 3 TO 6

- Year 3- Introduction to sailing and watersports day
- Year 4- Sailing specific days during activity week
- Year 5- RYA level 1 and 2 achieved through sailing week in September
- Year 6- Sailing is a games option in the Summer Term
- All years also take part in the annual Mermaid Regatta at SVYC

YEARS 7 & 8

- In conjunction with traditional sports, sailing is incorporated into the weekly timetable during the Autumn and Summer Terms
- National competitions and regatta entries
- Swallows and Amazons trip for adventure/exploration sailing

YEARS 9 TO UPPER SIXTH

- Year round sailing with specialist coaches within the weekly timetable
- Continuation of team racing in both training and national competitions
- Summer Term after school training
- Introduction to keelboat racing in the school's J70
- ILCA training for the elite squad
- International keelboat events (match racing and J70s)

“The primary objective of the Prep school sailing program is to progressively develop students' confidence and competence on the water. We focus on fostering water confidence through foundational experiences and introduce the fundamentals of dinghy sailing, laying the groundwork for more advanced skills. Pupils are afforded the unique opportunity to sail in a Mermaid keelboat under the guidance of an experienced sailor, broadening their exposure to different sailing environments and fostering a lifelong appreciation for the sport.”

Andy Gallerwood, Head of Prep School Sailing at Ryde

	GAMES	TEAM RACING	ILCA/LASER	MATCH	J70 SAILING
YEAR 7	Summer Term				
YEAR 8	Autumn & Summer Term	Feva			
YEAR 9	Experienced Sailors: Year Round Racing	Feva & Firefly	Autumn, Spring & Summer Term		
YEAR 10				Summer Term Intro	Autumn & Summer Term
YEAR 11		PLUS Beginners Sailing: Summer Term		Firefly	Autumn & Summer Term
LOWER SIXTH			Autumn & Summer Term		
UPPER SIXTH			Autumn & Summer Term		

GAMES: Timetabled sailing each week 1.00pm - 5.15pm

TEAM RACING: 2 v 2 or 3 v 3 team racing

ICLA/LASER: Small group focused coaching to develop skills

MATCH RACING: 1 v 1 training on Sonar keel boats

J70 SAILING: Training and competing in national and international competitions on the school J70

PROFESSIONAL COACHING TEAM



CHRIS GRUBE

3x Olympian, 470 World Championship Silver medalist, J70 World Champion



TED BLOWERS

3x National Match Racing Champion, 2x Etchells Youth European Champion



MARTIN EVANS

International Class Manager WAZP, former member of British Sailing Team with UK National win

FROM BEGINNER...



"I learnt to sail at Ryde and it not only made school more exciting, it changed me. The challenges on the water taught me to be strong, work with others, and to believe in myself. With every wave the boat passed through, I discovered a more confident, stronger version of me."

Lucas, 2024 Leaver

...TO ELITE AND PROFESSIONAL



"Sailing at Ryde has significantly expanded my skills in a broad variety of sailing including match racing and team racing. Being at Ryde gave me the opportunity to be on the water several times a week working on different skills like ILCA sailing, J70 sailing and dinghy sailing whilst also supporting my personal sailing campaign in Youth Squads."

Fred, 2024 Leaver (2024 U23 Team Racing World Champion, 2024 National Youth Match Race Champion, BSDRA Nationals Champion)



"Sailing at Ryde School broadened my perspective on the sport. When I joined, I had only experienced dinghy fleet racing but, through the opportunities to learn both team racing and keelboat racing, I left with a diverse skill set and a deeper passion for sailing. This experience set me on a path that ultimately led to turning my passion into a career"

Maxi, 2024 Leaver (full time crew on Elena - a 55m Classic Yacht)

During his time at Ryde, Maxi trained towards selection for the GBR 29er squad, honed his team racing skills and was integral at the time to the School teams' successes. As a boarder he was able to access the water easily and spent most weekends training or travelling to competitions and qualifying events.

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Independent day and boarding school for boys and girls aged 2 to 18



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