

# Warwickshire Scouts Sailing Centre



## County Sailing 2021



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- County Sailing will be a bit different in 2021.
- The aim is still to make it easier for members to take part in an Adventurous Activity
- However, it seems likely that face to face scout activities will still have to socially distanced for the foreseeable future, which isn't possible in our normal dinghies.
- We are therefore planning to run two types of session using borrowed single handed dinghies

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- Sessions suitable for Scouts or Explorers using Topper Dinghies borrowed from 2<sup>nd</sup> Warwick Sea Scouts





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- Sessions suitable for Cubs using Optimist Dinghies borrowed from Nuneaton District



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- Topper sessions
  - Suitable for Scouts or Explorers
  - Six young people per session
  - Full days sessions 10:30 to 15:30
  - Dates:- 1, 15 and 29 May, 12 and 19 June, 3 July
  - Cost:- £12 per young person per session

(Please Note the dates – these are borrowed boats and only available on these dates)

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- Optimist sessions

- Suitable for Cubs
- Four young people per session
- Half day sessions      10:30 to 12:30  
   13:30 to 15:30
- Dates:-      8 and 22 May, 5 June, 10 and 17 July
- Cost:-      £6 per young person per session.

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## • Swimming Ability

- There is a higher chance of a capsized boat using single handed boats.
- There is also higher probability of having to rescue non swimmers as opposed to swimmers in the event of a capsized boat.
- Current guidance is to avoid situations where somebody has to be rescued.

**IT IS IMPRACTICAL TO ALLOW NON SWIMMERS (AS DEFINED IN POR) TO TAKE PART IN THESE SESSIONS**

Sorry – this will be reviewed as RYA / Scout guidance changes

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- Dinghy sailing is very weather dependant.
- You get wetter sailing in single handers than our usual boats
- Warm showers / changing rooms may not be available
- There's a greater chance that we will have to cancel due to bad weather







## Awards and Badges

Depending what the young people want to achieve, how much time they spend on the water & if they've sailed before, Sailing can count towards several Awards and Badges, as you will see on the following slides.

For 2021, we aim to give everybody the opportunity to gain the Level 1 Sailing Staged Activity Badge.

We won't be aiming for any Level 2's this year, as Level 2 requires a capsized, therefore possible rescue, which is against current guidance. (Again, this will be reviewed as guidance changes)

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## Sailing – Stage 1

- Identify different types of sailing craft.
- Name three places you could safely go sailing.
- Take part in a warm up activity to prepare you for sailing.
- Dress properly for a sailing activity, showing you know the importance of buoyancy aids and how to put one on correctly.
- Take part in a taster session that covers:
  - being able to name equipment used and parts of the boat
  - getting into and out of a boat safely
  - balancing a boat
  - manoeuvring your boat in different directions, including moving forward



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## Time on the Water Staged Activity Badges

- Can be awarded after completing 1 session and 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 35 or 50 sessions thereafter.
- For Cubs, a session should last 1 to 2 hours
- For Scouts and Explorer Scouts, a session should last for 2 to 3 hours



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## Challenge Badges:

- Cubs – Adventure challenge:

- Take part in two adventurous activities
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- Scouts – Adventure Challenge:

- Take part in four adventurous activities – two of them should be new to you & you should try to do them on two separate occasions
- Know the safety issues & equipment
- Learn about environmental issues
- Find out about other places you can sail





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## Challenge Badges:

- Explorers – Chief Scout's Platinum Award
  - Take up a skill for three months
  - Show progress and lasting interest
  - Can be an existing interest or something entirely new  
(Possibly not practical this year ?)



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## Nautical Skills – Stage 1

- Take part in a water activity taster session – Sailing!
- Correctly identify the different equipment used.
- Gain an understanding of the safety equipment used



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- **Booking**

- See the available dates for the type of session you want on slides 5 and 6 (Scout/Explorer/Topper or Cub/Optimist)
- Contact me (next slide), and I'll pencil you in.
- Due to the risk of cancellations or changes this year due to Covid, I won't ask for payment until the session has taken place. Payment via BACS to the County Treasurer - I'll give you the details when you get in touch.  
*(I normally ask for payment in advance, because in the past, some groups felt it was OK to book a session, then cancel at the last minute, depriving other groups of the opportunity. "A Scout is to be trusted.....")*
- ONE Topper and one Optimist booking per Group.
- **Current restrictions (March 2021) – mixed section activities are not permitted.**



## Contact Details

- If you want to get in touch for more details, bookings or to volunteer as an instructor:-

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## Help!!

I'm always looking for additional competent dinghy sailors to act as instructors - Adults or Explorers. A qualified RYA Dinghy Instructor would be brilliant – but realistically, if you are competent in a “two man” sailing dinghy and have the common sense required to take young people on the water, give me a call – I can organise permit assessments etc.

Martin

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