

# Havant Youth Sail Training Scheme (HYSTS)

Registered Charity No 278412

President: Owen Davies - Principal: Bill Walworth

**Sailing Base: The Ship Inn Car Park, Langstone Quay, Langstone Road, Havant, Hampshire PO9 1RD (Not for postal correspondence)**

## GENERAL INFORMATION LEAFLET

The Havant Youth Sail Training Scheme (HYSTS) as a community project has been in operation for over 40 years. The Sailing Scheme was the brain child of local police sergeant, Dave Loader sadly now deceased. A keen sailor himself he was responsible for encouraging local businesses and the sailing community to pull together in support of providing local young people with a base to meet and access sail training opportunities. Initially sponsored by Colt International, IBM and the RYA Seamanship Foundation, support for the activities provided by HYSTS included our first President, Sir Alec Rose, local scout groups and youth clubs.

Our current President, Owen Davies, formerly the Principal of HYSTS for around 20 years, continues to work towards more challenging sailing for young people and HYSTS continues to offer low cost dinghy sailing sessions that provide an opportunity for young people to try their hand at sailing, without committing to equipment hire or purchase. All sailing abilities are welcome and full sail training and support, by experienced and fully qualified RYA instructors, is given. HYSTS offers challenges to young people beyond sailing by supporting their involvement with Scouts, Guides or the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

### **Sailing vessels:**

The sailing Scheme provides an opportunity for young people to learn to sail in a safe and friendly environment. Presently our fleet consists of a Hartley T15, RS FEVAs and Topper dinghies.

### **Safety:**

Instruction, safety cover, buoyancy aids, bump hats and wet weather gear will be provided by HYSTS. A young person must be confident in the water. Two safety craft are available to accompany the sailboats. A shore contact is nominated for each session to provide liaison to those on the water should it be required.

### **Weather:**

On occasions it is necessary to cancel sessions at short notice due to poor weather conditions e.g. high winds. We make every effort to advise families of any changes to sessions as soon as possible using the contact information provided by you. In the event of uncertainty on your behalf, we would advise that you contact us prior to leaving home, using either Sailing Base Mobile **07396 566915** (during sailing sessions only) or the HYSTS mobile number **07842 091189** and not by Email message on the day of the session.

### **Insurance and legislation:**

The activity of sailing with HYSTS takes place under the leadership of a **RYA Senior Instructor**. HYSTS holds Public Liability and Fleet insurance; the policies are available for inspection if required. HYSTS cannot provide 'Personal Accident Cover' and all participants are advised to check their own policies for the activity in which they are taking part.

Annual inspection of HYSTS premises, facilities, safety procedures and qualifications are conducted by the RYA. Such inspections ensure that procedures are safe and that staff are suitably qualified.

Staff members working regularly with the young people are required to meet current child protection legislation of the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). HYSTS has a detailed Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy available for inspection on line and at the Sailing Base.

### **Training:**

HYSTS is a registered **RYA Training Centre**. Young people aged 8 – 18 years can join.

On the first occasion, please bring details of previous sailing experience or a RYA logbook with you.

### **Fees:**

No separate membership fee is required.

Session fee £10.00 per member

### **Sailing schedule and booking:**

Sailing takes place at the weekends with each session lasting approximately six hours (includes a lunch break and sailing theory session), depending on the tide and weather.

A Sailing Schedule is available from the website [www.hysts.co.uk](http://www.hysts.co.uk). This document details the tide times, meeting times and dates of the weekend sessions, from, usually late March through to October.

To book a session please use one of the following methods:

Email: [Bookings@HYSTS.co.uk](mailto:Bookings@HYSTS.co.uk)

Or via the website facility on the 'Contact Us' page.

Please ensure that the member's full name appears in the correspondence. We require bookings to be made by Wednesday of the week prior to scheduled sail session. Confirmation of a place on requested session will be sent to you by the Thursday before weekend you have requested to sail.

### **Activities on the water:**

Participants should bring along a complete change of clothing. This should include a warm top (even on a hot day), a towel, soft shoes to wear in the boat/water, food and drink, high factor sunblock, sun hat and sun glasses. To avoid losing prescription glasses or sunglasses, we advise you use a neck or head strap to avoid the possibility of them being lost overboard.

Please do not bring a camera or any electronic device that has a camera facility.

**HYSTS cannot not take any person afloat without the above essentials, including the completed and signed medical questionnaire / consent form.**

### **Patron Membership:**

Involvement of persons with parental responsibility is also encouraged and we have a Patron Membership for all who would wish to support us. (HYSTS is also registered under the Gift Aid Scheme, which enables us to benefit from tax rebates on any donations made by a tax payer). If you are interested in supporting the scheme, please ask for Patron Membership and Gift Aid forms.

**Affiliations:** HYSTS is affiliated to the RYA and a number of organisations in Havant and the Chichester Harbour area.

**Registered Office:** The Bedhampton Community Centre, 21 Bedhampton Road, Bedhampton, Hampshire, PO9 3ES is our registered address and should be used for postal correspondence.