

South Coast Sailing



Joining Instructions

This information will explain how to find your way to us and what to do on arrival and departure. (We'll provide specific alternative information for courses that start or end at any other location.) If any of your questions are not answered here, please just phone or E-mail us for more information.

Unless otherwise advised or agreed in advance, most of our courses begin and end at

Ocean Village Marina
Channel Way
Southampton
SO14 3QF

Please see below for maps of the marina.

We'll provide your skipper's mobile' number nearer the time. When you arrive, please phone to learn:

If the parking arrangements (below) have changed
The code for the marina gate
The location of your boat

Normally, your skipper will come to meet you to give you this information in person and show you to the boat with your gear.

Arrival and departure:

Please wear high grip sailing shoes or boots with non-marking soles when you arrive and for the duration of your course. Marina ramps, pontoons and other indoor and outdoor surfaces can be slippery at any time but especially in wet or icy conditions. Take particular care at all times when stepping on or off your boat.

Every course will start with a boat familiarisation and safety briefing so your prompt arrival is VITAL. Please make allowances for slower travel on Friday afternoons - especially on Bank Holiday weekends. Southampton roads will also be busy between 5 and 6 PM most evenings.

Arrival time for courses starting on Thursday or Friday evening is 5 P.M. to 6 P.M.

The arrival time for one day courses is 8.30 A.M.

All courses will normally end at between 4 and 5 P.M. on the last day.

All clients are required to help clean the boat before they depart - Keeping the boat ship-shape is as much a part of the course as learning the ropes.

Other arrival times:

We can sometimes accommodate early or late arrivals depending on circumstances but ONLY if agreed in advance. Due to the limited time available, a late arrival can ruin a student's chances of completing his or her course.

Preparation:

Please look at relevant weather forecasts in the days before your course and pack accordingly! (Please also read our 'What to bring' document.) Clients for all courses except Start Sailing will be expected to have looked at the tide times and heights for Portsmouth and Southampton and at the Met' Office marine weather forecasts (inshore and shipping) in advance. All this information is available via the Links page on this web site.

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Arriving by train:

Taxi is probably the easiest way to travel to the marina from Southampton mainline station, especially with bags. Ask for the Royal Southampton Yacht Club at Ocean Village Marina. Facing the front of the Yacht Club, the marina gate is in SE corner of the car park to your left (see marina map).

Arriving by road:

Please always phone your skipper before you pay for any parking in case the following arrangements change. Turn into the front of the Royal Southampton Yacht Club from Channel Way. Drive on, (keeping the front of the Yacht Club on your left) into the pay and display car park west of the Club and overlooking the marina. To reach the marina gate, walk back past the front of the Yacht Club into the SE corner of the eastern car park. Please do not park in any of the three marina berth holders or Yacht Club members car parks unless your skipper asks you to as wheel clamping is strictly enforced. Motorcycle parking is just to the east of the Yacht Club.

Useful links:

Please see the 'Links' page on this web site for lots of relevant information, and in particular

- Maps
- Southampton travel and accommodation
- Weather forecasts
- Ocean Village Marina

Marina map:

