

Universal Sailing School Joining Instructions



Thank you for booking your sailing course with Universal Sailing School and we look forward to welcoming you on board. Your course information, details of our location and what to bring/wear etc., are detailed below, however if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your RYA Course

All RYA courses follow the syllabus detailed in the RYA G158/15 logbook. The format of each course is dependent upon weather, wind, tide and experience of the crew.

The yacht you will be sailing is fully equipped to RYA/MCA regulations and carries a full safety equipment inventory. First aid kits and VHF radios are also carried on board allowing rapid contact with medical authorities. Please ensure you complete the health declaration on your booking details. You must also inform the Universal Sailing School office of any medical conditions or medication you are taking, so this information can be passed to your Instructor.

On Arrival

Please pop into our Universal Yachting Office on the left side of the car park or call our duty mobile T: 07798563860 when you arrive. If however you are delayed, please give us a call so we know when to expect you.

Your Contacts

Chris Warwick – Principal & Duty Mobile: Tel: 07798 563860 Melanie Warwick – Office Mobile: Tel: 07884 183299 Clive Vaughan - Chief Instructor: 07891 223607

Location

Our yachts are located on B Pontoon at Mercury Yacht Harbour, Satchell Lane, Hamble, near Southampton, Hampshire, SO31 4HQ

Our Training Yachts:

Dufour 360 "Scooby" Dufour 382 "Peanuts"

Mealtimes



Breakfasts and lunches are included in the course fee and will be eaten on board. All evening meals are normally taken ashore in a local hostelry although this is very much dependent on the wishes of the whole crew.

Dietary Requirements / Allergies

Please detail any dietary requirements and/or allergies on your booking details.

What's Provided on board

In addition to full safety inventory and galley equipment, we also provide:-

- Food & drinks supplied on board:
- Breakfasts & Lunches
- Tea, coffee, milk & sugar, soft drinks
- \circ T towel
- Washing up liquid
- Dishcloth & Sponge
- Rubbish bags
- \circ Toilet paper
- o Nitrile gloves, Hand Sanitiser, Anti Viral Spray

What to Bring

It is essential that you bring enough suitable clothing to suit varied weather conditions. Please pack your clothing in a soft holdall as suitcases cannot be stored on board. Below is a suggested list for what to bring on board:-

•	Pillows / sleeping bag or duvet & mattress sheet	•	Towel
•	Footwear – Soft soled trainers or deck shoes	•	Wash kit
•	Sailing Boots (or 2nd pair of soft soled shoes)	•	Thick socks (at least 2 pairs)
•	Wet weather gear – bring your own or available to borrow on request (limited supply)	•	Hat & Gloves note: if windy hats may tend to disappear overboard!
•	Clothing - a selection of layers to suit weather conditions (preferably no jeans)	•	Sun cream & sun block (if necessary)
•	Several changes of clothes / underwear	•	Sunglasses (with spec saver)
•	Clothing for going ashore	•	Money to cover food, drinks, etc.
•	Passport size photo (Day Skipper / Coastal Skipper only)		

Waterproofs

We have a selection of adult waterproofs sizes (jackets & salopettes) available if you do not have your own. Please give details of size(s) required on your booking form if you wish to hire waterproofs. £25 per set for the duration of the course. Unfortunately we do not hire sailing boots for hygiene reasons. We have a limited number of child sizes.

Lifejackets for children - We recommend children have lifejackets fitted a child's correct size/weight. We have 3 junior self inflating lifejackets available on request. They are for children weighing 25-60 Kg. Younger children are better to have a buoyancy aid style which can be purchased from an online chandlery

Log Books - Sail Cruising & Yachtmaster Scheme G158/15

Please bring along your log book. If you require a log book, please indicate this on your booking form or advise us in advance so we can make sure your Instructor has it on board for you.

RYA Certificates

Students who pass will be issued with an RYA certificate at the end of the course. For Day Skipper & Coastal Skipper, please provide your skipper with a passport sized photograph, YM Coastal & Offshore Exam candidates will require 2 passport photos, log book, VHF Certificate, First Aid Certificate & completed exam form.

Insurance

All our yachts are fully insured against accident, third party liability and personal injury arising from neglect by Universal Sailing School. We accept no liability for personal accident or loss or damage to the property of the client.

Accommodation Onboard

The saloon area is classed as a sleeping area and exact sleeping arrangements are worked out with the instructor at the start of your course depending on the mix of crew.

Mooring Fees

Mooring fees are included for the duration of your course.



Universal Yachting at Mercury Yacht Harbour



Address

Universal Yachting & Universal Sailing School Mercury Yacht Harbour Satchell Lane Hamble Southampton Hampshire, SO31 4HQ

MDL Marina Office Tel: 023 8045 5994 Universal Yachting Office No: 023 8045 8737 Universal Yachting Duty Mobile: 07798 563860

About Mercury Yacht Harbour

Originally built by Sir Robin Knox Johnston, Mercury Yacht Harbour is situated in a sheltered wooded site where the shallow waters of Badnam Creek join the River Hamble. Just a 20 minute walk from Hamble village.

Marina Facilities

- Showers & Toilets
- Laundry facilities
- Electronic services
- Chandlery
- MDL WiFi
- The Gaff Rigger Restaurant & Bar bookings for takeaways & eat should be made in advance via their website: www.gaffrigger.co.uk T: 02380 455 595 E: admin@gaffrigger.co.uk

Local Village - Hamble

Hamble le Rice has a small Co-op with cashpoint, and some small shops including a deli. NatWest and Barclays Banks have a presence here too.

Eating in Hamble (not all open currently due to Coronavirus restrictions)

Hamble has plenty of bars and restaurants including a fish and chip shop and an Indian restaurant. Pubs include The Bugle, The King and Queen (which has a launderette available for visiting yachtsman), The White Hart and the Victory Inn. Restaurants in the marinas are Gaff Rigger at Mercury Yacht Harbour, Banana Wharf at Port Hamble and Ketch Rigger at Hamble Point Marina.

Main Provisioning

There is a large Tescos supermarket about a mile away by car, which you pass on your way to Hamble, just off the junction 8 exit of the M27. Currently there are large queues due to the Coronavirus restrictions, so would recommend you shop in advance and bring your provisioning with you.

How to find us:

By Road For Sat Navs, postcode is SO31 4HQ.

Hamble, also known as Hamble-le-Rice, lies off the A27 on the East side of Southampton Water, between the cities of Southampton and Portsmouth. There is a large free car park at Mercury Yacht Harbour.

Directions - Leave the M27 at junction 8 signposted Hamble/Southampton East. This will take you to a roundabout – from the East take the first exit, from the West take the third exit. At the next roundabout take the second exit. There will be a Tesco store on your left. Go straight across the next two mini roundabouts and the traffic lights. Follow this road for approximately 3/4 mile. Go straight across the next roundabout and then immediately left into Satchell Lane. Follow this road over the bridge and eventually you will see the sign for Mercury Yacht Harbour on your left where there is a free car park.

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