

ABOUT PIRATES

- **PURPOSE is to create a child friendly situation where the children of EDSC can have fun on the water and develop the skills of sailing.**
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- THE PIRATES may be any children under the age of 12 whose parents/guardians/grandparents are full members of the club. There will be a maximum of 30 children aged 4 – 11 (on Jan 1st) accepted onto the Pirates' List. However, this is on the understanding that they will not all attend every session. Only a safe number will be allowed to sail at any one time.
- Each child must bring an adult who will help with the session. Parents who are competent dinghy sailors are expected to help on the water. Some help is also required on-land and help with launching and returning boats is essential.
- The children will sail with an adult (or a more experienced child or young person) at first. Parents and children will always be asked if they are happy for the child to sail with this person.
- When the children are ready, they will be given the opportunity to sail alone, under close supervision.
- There will not always be a qualified instructor leading the session but advice will be taken from RYA instructors and publications. The RYA book "Go Sailing" will be used as a basis for the advice given.
- Children may only sail if there are sufficient adults for safety, and suitable boats available. If necessary priority will be given to children whose parent/g/gp is able to help on the water, or provide their own boat, or skipper.
- Sailing will take place in a safe area close to the club.
- Boats will use reefed or small sails depending on wind strength.
- Sailing will only take place if weather condition is suitable..
- EDSC support boats with RYA Powerboat Level 2 qualified helms.
- Safety as detailed in EDSC Risk Assessments
- EDSC Child Welfare Policy and Procedures will be followed.
- "Junior Sailor Participation Form" and "Photography Consent Form" to be signed for each child.
- "Self-disclosure Form" to be signed by each adult involved.

- Parents will be asked to contribute to the running costs
- Children who do not have their own boats will pay £20 towards the 'Club Boat Maintenance Fund' regardless of which boat they sail on the day.

KIDS RULES

- **BE HAPPY** No one should go sailing if they don't want to. Don't do anything that makes someone else unhappy.
- **BE SAFE** There are many ways. Here are just a few: Listen to your skipper. Sit down when in boat unless told otherwise. Mind your head. Don't put your fingers over the edge of the boat where they might get squashed.

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