



Frequently asked questions

Q What will I sail?

A The Centre has a number of different classes of dinghy - we usually start off in the Wayfarer. Other types of dinghy are then introduced such as the Topper/Laser (singlehander) or Omega/Topaz Tres (double hander) as your skills develop. The very young can learn in the Optimists – specially designed for the job.

Q What's the difference between a Canoe and a Kayak?

A A canoe is an open boat which you can kneel or sit in, used by native North Americans whereas a Kayak is a boat which you can sit in used by the Inuit or Eskimo people of the Arctic regions.

Q What should I wear?

A Whatever you feel comfortable in, clothes that you don't mind getting wet and suitable for the weather. It may be fine enough for shorts and t-shirts or cold enough for full thermals! Trainers are okay for the feet. Wellington boots are not advisable.

Q What should I bring?

A A full change of clothes, including footwear, underwear and a towel light weight waterproofs are useful in the case of a rain shower. Sun block may be required on warmer days. On all-day courses students should bring a packed lunch. Cold drinks are only available from the vending machine.

Q What if I wear glasses?

A If you need to wear spectacles or sunglasses then bring a suitable strap to keep them secure. These are available from many sports or opticians.

Q What if I can't swim?

A Nobody goes afloat without a Buoyancy Aid. In addition, the Tarn is a very shallow lake, there are not too many parts that you can't stand up in and at its deepest is only 6ft.

Q Will I get wet and will the boat capsize?

A If you are going for RYA Basic Skills or certain BCU awards then the answer is yes, you will be required to perform a capsize recovery. We cannot guarantee that you will not capsize during a Start Sailing session.

Q Are log books and certificates included in the course prices?

A Yes, where applicable for all full NGB courses.

If you have any other questions please contact 0113 250 3616.