



About our Development Sailing Programs U18

Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC) offers a clear and supportive development pathway for junior and youth sailors, from first regatta experiences through to advanced class racing. Our Development Sailing Programs focus on skill progression, teamwork, sportsmanship and enjoyment on the water.

Why Choose RBYC Development Sailing?

- Structured progression pathways
- Experienced and accredited coaching team
- Strong focus on safety, seamanship and sportsmanship
- Clear links to major regattas and class pathways

The Programs

Junior Development Squad (JDS) – Ages 7–11

Class: Optimist (Opti)

Squad Levels - Green Fleet - Intermediate - Open

Green Fleet – Entry Level Completed Tackers 3 (or equivalent) - Able to meet minimum training attendance requirements - Able to attend *Sail Sandy*

Intermediate - Completed Green Fleet - Own Optimist dinghy - Able to sail around a course unassisted - Able to meet minimum training attendance requirements - Able to attend *Sail Sandy* and *Victorian Optimist Championships*

Open - Completed Intermediate level - Own Optimist dinghy - Consistent regatta results (average 15th or higher) - Able to meet minimum training attendance requirements - Able to attend *Sail Sandy*, *Victorian Optimist Championships* and *Sail Melbourne*

Youth Development Squad (YDS) – Ages 11–18

Class: RS Quest

Entry Requirements - Completed OutThere 3 (or equivalent) - Able to meet minimum training attendance requirements - Able to attend *Lady Stonehaven Cup* and *Stonehaven Cup*

ILCA Development Squad (Ages 13+)

Green Fleet - Completed Tackers 3 - Minimum age: 13 years - Able to meet minimum training attendance requirements - Able to attend *Sail Sandy*

Intermediate - Completed ILCA Green Fleet - Own ILCA dinghy - Able to meet minimum training attendance requirements - Able to attend *Sail Sandy*

Advanced - By invitation / performance-based progression

29er Development Squad

Green Fleet - Completed one full season in YDS - Minimum age: 15 years - Able to meet minimum training attendance requirements

Intermediate - Completed 29er Green Fleet - Minimum age: 15 years - Able to meet minimum training attendance requirements

Advanced - By invitation / performance-based progression

420 Development Squad

Green Fleet - Completed OutThere 3 or Youth Development Squad - Own 420 class boat - Minimum age: 13 years - Able to meet minimum training attendance requirements - Able to attend *Sail Sandy*

Intermediate - Completed 420 Green Fleet - Own 420 class boat - Able to meet minimum training attendance requirements - Able to attend *Sail Sandy* and *Sail Melbourne*

General Information

Attendance & Expectations

To ensure a positive training environment and strong development outcomes, the following expectations apply to all squads:

- Minimum attendance requirement: 85% per training block
 - Training registrations must be completed at least 7 days prior to the start of each block
 - Attendance at the first session is mandatory
 - Any absences must be advised in advance to the Training Office via email or WhatsApp
 - Sailors must be a financial member of RBYC.
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Communications

- Each squad will have a dedicated WhatsApp group for training updates and reminders
 - Sailors must confirm attendance for all scheduled sessions
 - Important information may also be communicated via email
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Fees 2026

Term Fees	JDS/ILCA	YDS/29er
Term 1	\$300pp	\$250pp
Term 2	\$300pp	\$250pp
Term 3	\$300pp	\$250pp
Term 4	\$300pp	\$250pp

Annual Fee \$1075pp \$875 pp

Term Training and Annual fee include specified afterschool and Sunday training as per calendar

Holiday programs (Separate charge)

4 Day \$140pp \$120pp

5 Day \$175pp \$150pp

NOTE: Fees must be paid at time of booking via the booking platform. Fees CAN NOT be added to RBYC accounts.

REFUNDS: Refer to the our [Training Course T&Cs](#)

All booking via <https://rbyc.org.au/junior-youth-development-squads/au/>

For further information or enrolment details, please contact the RBYC Training Office.