



Challenge Wales Voyage Schedule 2017 / 2018

Booking a trip on Challenge Wales

Booking a trip, whether for yourself, for a group or as a gift for someone else is very simple. We are just a phone call or an email away.

How to Book: Identify a sailing trip and contact Challenge Wales to check availability by email: reservations@challengewales.org or phone on 029 20 704 657. Challenge Wales will advise you of availability and timings. Complete your booking form with payment and that's it.

Are there any age limits? Sailing on Challenge Wales is open to those aged 12-75 years and who are reasonably fit. Remember, particular sailing trips are highlighted for certain age groups.

I am aged between 12-15 years. If you are part of a group, school or youth organisation then please ask your group leader to look at the Groups, Schools and Young People section of our website or ask them to request our Young Persons Groups Brochure.

I am aged between 16 – 25 years. You can join Challenge Wales as an individual (you come along on your own with others joining on their own) OR you can join us as youth group. If joining on your own you can take part in some of our more challenging activities.

I am aged 18 – 75 years. Adult adventure voyages range from day sails to longer voyages exploring some spectacular places around the UK & overseas and gives you the opportunity to sail and have fun. If you're aged 18 – 25 years then you are still eligible for bursary funding and more opportunities are available as you will fall into our young person's programme AND our adult adventure programme. Meeting different people with different backgrounds, cultures and ages is all part of the Challenge Wales experience!

What is a Challenge Wales Bursary? A bursary subsidises your berth meaning that you will pay less than the advertised price to sail with us. Anyone aged 12 - 25 years can apply for a bursary from Challenge Wales for any of our sailing activities, whether as an individual or a group for any trip with Challenge Wales. Bursaries might have particular criteria. If we do provide you with bursary funding you will be required to write a short voyage report so that we can send that to the funders so they know how their funding has helped you, and been spent. **Further bursaries may be available or become available at short notice so if you are under 26 years please ask us about this.** *If you are an individual and want to join us on a voyage and you feel you can't pay then we will work with you to get you onboard and help you to fund your voyage with bursaries and fundraising – we like to make opportunities possible for those who see the opportunity and the benefits it can bring!*

Challenge Experience Days are day sails for adults to experience Challenge Wales and an opportunity for those interested in being volunteer crew to have their skills assessed however, school & youth groups can also book these days for young persons sail training activity in which case the boat will be on an exclusive use basis for the group.

FAQ's

Do I need to have sailing experience? No sailing experience is required.

Can I book a trip on a date that isn't shown below? Yes. Challenge Wales is available all year to book for young persons sail training and trips for groups (summer trips, sports clubs, family celebrations), companies (corporate entertaining or team building) and private individuals (sailing with friends, parties etc). Minimum numbers are required for trips. Just let us know which date(s) you are interested in and we will provide you with further details.

Can I buy a sailing experience as a gift? Yes. You can buy a gift voucher which is valid for twelve months.

What do I need to bring with me? Check out the 'What to bring with you' list at the bottom of this document. A full kit list will be sent to you with joining instructions prior to you sailing.

Are you taking part in any races in 2018? We haven't confirmed our sailing schedule for 2018 yet but it is likely we will be doing some races such as Tall Ships Races (suited for those aged 16 – 25 years who are able to travel overseas on their own) and smaller races too such as Round the Island Race (suited for adults or a corporate group). Please register your interest in taking part so as soon as we have planned our voyage schedule you can be first to know.

Can we sail on Challenge Wales when the Volvo Ocean Race comes to Cardiff? The Volvo Round-the-world yacht race is coming to Cardiff May 26th – June 10th 2018. Challenge Wales is expected to be in Cardiff during this time and operating as normal.

How do I travel to and from the boat? You are responsible for getting yourself to and from the boat. Most of our voyages are accessible by car or train (in the UK). For our overseas voyages we work with a local travel agent to help you with your flights and we can advise on transfers.

Do you give a discount if I book more than one voyage? Yes, you will automatically get a 10% discount off a second consecutive voyage if booked at the same time as the first for the same season. Day or weekend voyages are exempt from this special offer.

How do I become a crew volunteer? If you have a commitment and interest in helping young people you might be able to become volunteer crew and join us on one of our adventures. To become a crew volunteer you will need; A minimum of RYA Day Skipper **OR** at least 2 years sailing experience and a basic knowledge of sailing **OR** have experience in outdoor adventure or instructing in outdoor activities **OR** been on one of our longer adventures of 3 days or more and been recommended by the Skipper to apply to be a volunteer. [Full details on volunteering can be found on our website.](#)

I can't see many voyages for 2018 or beyond? We are still busy planning our voyages for 2018 and will have more information on our schedule shortly. However, many of our voyages are built around what YOU want so if you are interested in a young persons sail training voyage, a longer adventure or an adult trip then please get in touch. Once our schedule is released some of our voyages can book up really quickly.

2017

November

Date	Voyage No	No. of days	Age range	To/From	Type	Cost without Bursary	Description
Thu 9 th – Mon 13 th Nov	Visit the Challenge Wales stand at the Cardiff Christmas Market . For 5 days only you will be able to get hands on and learn about our global Citizen Science project, get tied up with our knot board, feel what a sail made of Kevlar feels like (and yes, Kevlar is also used in bullet proof vests), see how we have been changing lives and teaching life-skills and learn about our adventure activities for 12 – 25 year olds and our adult fundraising trips as well as volunteering opportunities! Find us outside St David's Hall, Cardiff!						
Sun 12 th Nov **NEW DATE ADDED**	V91	1	18 - 75	Penarth - Penarth		£95	Challenge Experience Day – an opportunity to jump onboard and experience big boat sailing. This voyage will start around 10.00am and finish around 4.00pm. **This is our last adult sailing voyage for 2017**

2018

February

Date	Voyage No	No. of days	Age range	To/From	Type	Cost without Bursary	Description
Sat 17 th Feb	V13	1		Penarth	Crew Training		Suitable for Volunteers only
Sun 25 th – Sun 3 rd Mar	V16	8	16 - 18	Penarth	College Group	Provisionally Booked	We'll be bringing marine-activities to life with science experiments onboard and an opportunity to learn sailing skills.

March

Date	Voyage No	No. of days	Age range	To/From	Type	Cost without Bursary	Description
Sat 17 th Mar	V21	1		Penarth	Crew Training		Suitable for Volunteers only
Sun 18 th Mar	V22	1	18 - 75	Penarth	Challenge Experience Day	£95	Challenge Experience Day – an opportunity to jump onboard and experience big boat sailing. This voyage will start around 10.00am and finish around 4.00pm. **This is the first adult sailing voyage for 2018**
Sat 24 th Mar	V23	1		Penarth	Crew Training		Suitable for Volunteers only

Sun 25 th Mar	V24	1		Penarth	Challenge Experience Day	£95	Challenge Experience 'Severn Bridge' Day – Jump aboard for a big boat sailing day. The tides are right for heading under the Severn Bridge, so subject to wind we will be making our way up the Bristol Channel, rather than down!
April							
Date	Voyage No	No of Days	Age Range	To/From	Type	Cost without bursary	Description
Tue 3 rd – Sat 7 th April	V26b	5	16 - 25	Penarth - Penarth	Challenge Experience Day	£495 Minimum 50% bursary is available for UK Residents. Should you require additional bursary, then please let us know!	Adventure Residential – Voyage open to individuals. Jump aboard at 12.00pm and get to learn the ropes, we'll be exploring Lundy Island and the Bristol Channel over the 5 days. Perfect for those wanting to learn sailing skills, try something new, and develop team work and communication skills – vital for a CV! This voyage is also suitable for those doing their Gold DofE.

Prices may change and are subject to availability.

DE A 4 night voyage or longer can qualify for Gold Award Residential Section. These trips will mainly take place in school holidays with some delivery trips qualifying. If you are not doing your Gold DofE, you can still join us if you are the right age!

Sail training trips may not be shown in the above schedule and can be booked on an ad-hoc or on a regular basis. If you are a Youth Worker, Outreach Worker, Teacher or work with young people then please get in touch. **Those aged 12–25 years may be entitled to a Challenge Wales bursary on most of our sailing activity.** You can also request our Young Persons and Groups brochure by emailing us at reservations@Challengewales.org.

What to bring with you:

Challenge Wales provides wet weather trousers and jackets & safety equipment as well as food and refreshments during your trip. **Depending on your length of trip you will need to bring with you:**

Suitable footwear (soft shoes/trainers/deck shoes/sea boots)

Plenty of layers of clothes (even in warm weather it can get chilly at sea – remember extra pairs of warm socks too)

Beanie hat, gloves and scarf (useful in all weather conditions while sailing)

Extra pair of shoes

Sun cream, toiletries, hair bands, sunglasses (even in winter the sun can be quite strong)

Sleeping bag and pillow (for overnight trips)

Travel sickness tablets (please speak to your local pharmacist if you require any). If it is your first time sailing on Challenge Wales then we suggest that you think about your travel sickness options (e.g. medication / travel wrist band).

Don't worry, we will issue joining instructions prior to your voyage which will include a kit list!

Where you will find us:

Challenge Wales is moored in her home port of Penarth Marina, Penarth, CF64 1QT. Your trip will start here unless you are advised otherwise.

Contact Challenge Wales to discuss your requirements on:

029 20 704 657 or reservations@challengewales.org

