



Round the
Island Race

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2018 Round the Island Race



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The Round the Island Race is an annual event which attracts around 1,500 boats and 15,000 sailors. The race, around the Isle of Wight, is one of the largest yacht races, and one of the most famous, in the world and the fourth largest participation event in the UK after the London Marathon and the Great North/Great South Runs

Competitors come from Europe and the UK and in some cases as far a field as USA to take part in this 55 nautical mile race. Not only does the race include world-renowned sailors & Olympians but also families (of all ages), businesses and friends.

Challenge Wales has raced several times in this iconic race. This event is often the only time you will see a fleet of Challenge 72 vessels (identical to *Challenge Wales*) who have previously battled it out racing competitively around the world. To date, *Challenge Wales* has beaten all other Challenge 72 vessels and we will be looking to maintain this in 2018.

You will experience the buzz of the build-up of the Round the Island Race, comradeship and competition. On race day you will be amazed at the breath taking views of the fleet waiting to cross the start line with the sun rising behind them.

Whether you are using the experience to develop customer relationships or building a team, competing in Round the Island Race is an effective way of developing business relationships through an exhilarating and memorable activity.

No sailing experience is required to take part, just commitment to work as a team, challenge yourself and be competitive while having fun on the water.

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Jumping Aboard – Your Package

Thursday 5th July: Join Challenge Wales at leisure, in Gosport/Portsmouth (exact location TBC), in the evening after work and meet your Skipper and Challenge Wales crew. Depending on your arrival time, we will meet for a drink in the evening or a pub meal before heading back to Challenge Wales.

Friday 6th July: After breakfast onboard, you will begin to learn the ropes. A safety briefing will take place followed by boat familiarisation and then you will depart Gosport/Portsmouth for sailing training. Friday is a full day of training to get you ready for Race Day. Lunch will be served on board and at the end of the afternoon you will head to Cowes Marina to soak up the pre-race atmosphere. A team dinner can also be served on board in the evening if required.

Saturday 7th July: Race Day! You will be getting up around 5.00am in readiness to leave Cowes around 5.30am and to head to the start line. Our race will start at 6.30am and you will put everything you learnt yesterday into practice. Breakfast is usually served once the race has started. After circumnavigating the Isle of Wight we will head back to Cowes Marina where celebrations will begin in the Race Village. The time it takes to complete the course varies depending on weather conditions. In some case we have completed the race in just over 6 hours on one occasion it took us 13 hours!

Sunday 8th July: The boat will depart Cowes early in the morning (around 8-9am) and breakfast will be served as we cross the Solent back to Gosport/Portsmouth where you will depart the boat.

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Your Package includes...

- Charter of 72 foot *Challenge Wales* racing yacht (exclusive use for groups)
- A berth onboard for every person
- Six *Challenge Wales* crew including Skipper and Mate
- Three nights accommodation onboard *Challenge Wales* for all guests
- Full training day (Friday)
- Race entry
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meal served onboard on Friday and Saturday. Breakfast only on Sunday. Snacks and refreshments served throughout
- Access to Round the Island Race Village, Cowes
- Waterproof trousers and jackets (**not** footwear) and lifejackets
- Mooring in Cowes Yacht Haven for 2 nights
- Complimentary branded polo shirt for every participant
- Excitement (definitely), variety of weather (maybe), challenging conditions (possibly)

What's not included

- Meals and drinks ashore/in port
- Transport to and from the vessel
- Sleeping bags/pillows
- Tankards available at £28 each (with Boat Name and event engraved on it)

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What experience do I need?

No sailing experience is required for the Round the Island Race, but you will be enthusiastic, have a positive outlook, be competitive and up for the challenge. Our Friday training day will ensure you and the boat are ready for when we cross the start line.

You may be a novice sailor, an experienced one or this may be your first time stepping foot on a boat. You are welcome to join us if you are over 18, are reasonably fit and are prepared for some team work.

Life onboard

Each voyage we do is different due to different people onboard and weather. *Challenge Wales* sails with up to 18 people onboard.

Should you have any allergies or dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian) we must know in advance and you will need to advise us on the booking form.

Challenge Wales operates a no-smoking policy onboard the boat (including on deck) at all times. Alcohol must not be consumed while the boat is sailing and restrictions apply at all other times.



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What to wear

Even in the middle of summer it can get quite chilly on the water so it is always best to come prepared.

We suggest as a basic: Tee shirt (long sleeved and short sleeved), sweater, scarf, gloves, beanie hat, warm trousers, outdoor jacket, trainers.

There is a limited amount of storage on the boat so you will need to pack your kit in a canvas bag that can be folded away. No hard suitcases/holdalls can be accommodated onboard.

Suggested Kit List

- Sleeping bag
- Sunglasses, glasses, contact lenses
- Personal toiletries, medication, towel
- Ear plugs
- Reusable water container
- Spare set of clothes incase you get wet.

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Payment and Booking Conditions

Group Bookings: The cost for 12 people is £5,700

Please note VAT is not chargeable. 12 people is on an exclusive use basis

Individual Bookings: Cost is £499 per person

A 25% deposit is due at the time of booking and full payment is required by 6th May 2018

You can also make full payment in one go by cheque or bank transfer, and payment details will be on the Booking Form. Please provide us with a purchase order number (if required) on your booking form so that we can provide this on the invoice.

Joining instructions details are provided prior to the event.

Challenge Wales' standard Booking Terms and Conditions apply which can be [viewed here](#) and on our website

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What is Challenge Wales?

The yacht *Challenge Wales* is a sail training vessel based in Cardiff, South Wales and operated by the Challenge Wales charity

Having raced around the world twice, she is now used to help young people (aged 12 – 25 years) from the UK develop social and personal skills through sail training. We put them in a challenging, and often alien environment, where they learn about teamwork, leadership, discipline, respect for others and help develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

The charity is predominantly run by volunteers. Each year the charity undertakes one major fundraising sailing event and for 2018 the iconic Round the Island Race is being used as a fundraiser to enable the charity to support more young people and deliver more services. By taking part in the race you will be directly supporting the charity. If you are a company this event can not only develop your team to be more effective but also contribute to your Corporate Social Responsibility Policy.

In 2017 *Challenge Wales* won the UK Sail Training Vessel of the Year award – the top award in its industry.



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