



## Voyage Schedule 2024

### Booking a trip on *Challenge Wales*

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

**Although most of our voyages are listed below in a long list you can also find our voyages on the [Sailing page](#) of our website themed under different types of voyages.**

### How to Book

Identify a sailing voyage or just enquire by emailing: [reservations@challengewales.org](mailto:reservations@challengewales.org) or call on 029 20 704657.

We'll check availability, advise you of timings and further information on the voyage and then just complete your booking form and payment. Joining instructions are dispatched prior to your voyage! It's that simple.

### Different Voyages & Activities for Different Ages

All voyages will be taking place on *Challenge Wales | Wales Tall Ship*.

**Are there any age limits?** Sailing on *Challenge Wales* is open to those aged 14-85 years and who are reasonably fit. Remember, particular sailing trips are highlighted for certain age groups. Some of our activities such as 'Sea and Tell' activities and shore-side activities are often available for younger ages too. If you are reasonably fit and mobile and aged over 85 years and wish to sail then please contact the office.

**Aged under 14 years?** On rare occasions we do sail with 13 year olds so please discuss this with us. BUT if you're under 14 you might be able to take part in our shore-side programme; Sea and Tell. We've sometimes had groups jump onboard from as young as 7 years old to take part in our shore-side programme.

**Aged between 14 – 25 years?** Ask your group leader or teacher to visit the Groups, Schools and Young People section on our website or request our brochure. In Wales, we offer Agored Cymru accreditation in Teamwork and Confidence for all those 14 and over. Don't worry if you're not in a group or school, individuals or home-schooled students aged 14+ can join as individuals on our 'Boat Camp' voyages and residentials as part of our open access voyages.

**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 a youth group. If joining on your own you can take part in some of our more challenging activities. If you are joining as a group we can offer Agored Cymru accreditation in Teamwork, Developing Confidence or an Environmental Project depending on duration of trip. We also offer DofE Gold Residential.

**Aged between 18 – 85 years?** Adult adventure voyages range from day sails to races 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!

**Non-sailing shore-based 'Sea and Tell' Programme:** Sea and Tell activities are suited to most ages. Our structured Sea and Tell which can focus on STEM activities as well as ocean literacy are 3 hour bookable slots. They take place on the boat but DON'T involve sailing. Shorter one-hour 'Sea and Tell' sessions are suited for younger age ranges or those who have limited attention spans. These are often bookable on request. A 3 hour session for up to 12 young people and 2 group leaders is £250.

**Challenge Experience Days** are day sails for adults to experience 72-foot *Challenge Wales* and just one of the opportunities for those eligible to be volunteer crew to have their skills assessed and use as their volunteering qualifying voyage however, school & youth groups can also book these days for young person's sail training activity on an exclusive use, first come-first serve basis. Challenge Experience Days are a hands-on opportunity to be fully involved in sailing – regardless of your ability.

## BURSARIES to help pay for your voyage

If you are keen to sail with Challenge Wales but cannot afford the voyage fees, a Challenge Wales bursary may help subsidise your place 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. Each bursary has its own criteria, and if one bursary isn't suitable another might be. Bursaries are not always guaranteed and are sometimes on a first come first serve basis. Bursaries can usually cover 50% of the voyage cost and sometimes more.

If you receive bursary funding you will need 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.** *We like to make opportunities possible for those who see the opportunity and the benefits it can bring! But remember bursaries are there for those who can't afford it, if you don't need a bursary then you don't need to apply or you can use part of it and pay what you can afford.*

**There are a lot of voyages on your schedule, is there a better way to find what I am looking for?** The [SAILING page](#) on our website shows all the categories of voyages making it easy to choose!

## FAQ's

**Do I need to have sailing experience?** No sailing experience is required. We'll show you the ropes once you are onboard!

**Can I book a trip on a date that isn't shown below?** Absolutely, Challenge Wales offers year-round bookings for various groups, companies, youth groups and individuals. Just tell us your preferred date(s). A minimum number of participants is required.

**Can I buy a sailing experience as a gift?** Yes. You can buy a gift voucher which is valid for 12 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 2024?** *Challenge Wales* is taking part in the Small Ships Race in August 2024. This voyage will start in Plymouth and will be a race from Guernsey to Poole.

**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, coach or train.

**How do I become a crew volunteer?** [Full details on volunteering can be found on our website.](#) Please note our volunteer crew specification can change depending on the volunteers we have so the website is the best place to find out more.

**Why can't I see any voyages for the smaller boat *Adventure Wales*?** *Adventure Wales* is not being operated at the moment and is out of the water.

**Are your prices increasing for 2024?** Yes, unfortunately for 2024 we've had to increase our prices for the first time since 2012. Our Challenge Experience Day has increased by £5.

## June 2024

Date	Voyage No	No of Days	Age Range	To/From	Type	Per person Cost without bursary	Description
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	CW43	1	OPEN TO ALL	Barry Island Promenade	Shoreside Event	FREE	<p><b>RNLI Festival of the Sea</b></p> <p>Visit the Challenge Wales stall at Barry Island Promenade where you can find out more about the challenge Wales Charity, trying your hand at learning knots and understanding about microplastics in the ocean.</p> <p><i>Event organized by Barry RNLI</i></p>
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	CW40	1	18 - 80	Penarth – Penarth	Adult Voyage	Fully Booked	<p><b>Challenge Experience Day</b></p> <p>Big boat adult sailing day on 72-foot Challenge Wales. Get involved in all aspects of sailing, learn the ropes guided by our crew. Suited for individuals, couples or friends. No sailing experience necessary to take part</p>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> June (Join in Penarth on 10 <sup>th</sup> at 4pm; later arrivals can be accommodated, depart 13 <sup>th</sup> at 3pm)	CW46a	3.5	18 – 80	Penarth – Neyland/Milford Haven		£280	<p><b>Sailing Skills Builder</b></p> <p>A voyage focused on enjoying the outdoors, improving mental health, and learning the ropes. Although exact ports/anchorages on route are not guaranteed due to weather, the plan would be to depart Penarth, anchor at Oxwich, anchor at Tenby and then end the voyage in Neyland, Pembrokeshire. Suitable for all sailing abilities including those with no prior sailing experience.</p>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	CW46e	1		Neyland		Please enquire	<p><b>Opportunities to Jump Onboard in Neyland for a short sailing day</b></p>
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	CW47	1		Neyland		Please enquire	<p><b>Opportunities to jump onboard in Neyland</b></p> <p>A great opportunity to take part in a Challenge Wales Sea and Tell Session learning about life onboard, ocean literacy and sea safety.</p>
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> June	CW48	1		Neyland		Open Day	<p><b>Open Day Neyland Marina</b></p> <p>Guests are welcome to come and see what life onboard is like.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12-5pm</p>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> (PM) or Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> June (am)	CW48a	5 - 6	18 - 80	Milford Haven - Whitehaven	Adult Voyage	£650  A bursary may apply if eligible for those under 26 years	<p><b>Sailing Skills Builder</b></p> <p>A voyage focussed on developing sailing skills. Suitable for those working towards their Competent Crew or Day Skipper. Or those who already have Day Skipper and looking to build confidence with like-minded individuals. Also suited to novices looking to get some crewing experience. Voyage will cover navigation, man over board, chartwork, points of sail. We can't guarantee night sailing on this voyage.....or seeing pods of dolphins!</p>
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	CW49	7	16 - 25	Whitehaven – Rhu (Scotland)	Youth Voyage	Fully Booked	<p><b>Schools – Skills Development Week</b></p> <p><b>Three Nations Voyage</b></p> <p>A week of sailing combined with ocean literacy. Activities will include learning to sail, learning about ocean literacy as well as an opportunity to develop teamwork &amp; leadership skills. Opportunity for night sailing and working in watches. Proposed itinerary to include visit to Isle of Man, Bangor (Northern Ireland) and Isle of Arran.</p>
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> June to Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	CW51	7	16 - 25	Rhu-Rhu	Youth Voyage	£725	<p><b>Scottish Adventure Residential</b></p> <p>An opportunity to explore Scottish Waters, build confidence and team work skills, learn about ocean literacy and hone your sailing skills.</p>

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July 2024							
Date	Voyage No	No of Days	Age Range	To/From	Type	Per person Cost without bursary	Description
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> to Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	CW53	6	16 - 25	Rhu - Whitehaven	Youth Voyage	£650  Bursary available on this voyage to reduce the cost by a minimum of 50%	<b>Open Access Adventure Residential</b> Learn sailing skills, leadership and teamwork. Join as a small group or on your own. Most people do join on their own and it's a great way to meet new people. You will be involved in all aspects of sailing guided by our crew. Voyage suitable for Gold DofE residential and if you are interested in RYA Start Yachting or Competent Crew then please enquire.
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> July (Join the boat at 4pm in Whitehaven depart at 10am on 18 <sup>th</sup> in Dale or Neyland or potential to depart 2pm on 18 <sup>th</sup> in Milford Haven)	CW55	6	16 - 25	Whitehaven – Neyland	Youth Voyage	£699  Bursary available on this voyage to reduce the cost by a minimum of 50%	<b>Open Access Adventure residential</b> A great opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, improve confidence, experience sailing while having fun. You will be involved in all aspects of sailing guided by our crew and suitable for any level of sailing experience. On this voyage you can also achieve DofE Gold Residential. If you are interested in RYA Start Yachting or competent crew then please enquire.
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> July (Guests will be asked to join in Neyland Marina at 9.30am. Departure at 4pm on Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> July)	CW57	2	14 - 17	Neyland - Neyland	Youth Voyage	£200  Or £45 with full bursary*  *Maximum bursary available is £155 per person!	<b>Boat Camp - West Wales Weekender</b> A great opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, improve confidence, experience sailing while having fun. You will be involved in all aspects of sailing guided by our crew and suitable for any level of sailing experience.
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Jul	CW58a	4	16 - 25	Neyland – Penarth	Youth Voyage	£600  Bursary Available  FULLY BOOKED	<b>Coastal Adventure Residential</b> Learn about ocean literacy, develop confidence and have fun through sailing. We will be sailing from Neyland in West Wales to Penarth, near Cardiff Bay.
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> July	CW60	1	18 - 80	Penarth – Penarth	Adult Voyage	£100	<b>Challenge Experience Day</b> Big boat adult sailing day on 72-foot Challenge Wales. Get involved in all aspects of sailing, learn the ropes guided by our crew. Suited for individuals, couples or friends. No sailing experience necessary to take part
August 2024							
Date	Voyage No	No of Days	Age Range	To/From	Type	Per person Cost without bursary	Description
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug  Join at 4pm on Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Depart Plymouth at 10am on 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	CW61	6	16 - 25	Penarth – Plymouth	Youth Voyage	£650  Bursary funding is available on this voyage  <b>Limited places available</b>	<b>Open Access Residential</b> A great opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, improve confidence, experience sailing while having fun. You will be involved in all aspects of sailing guided by our crew and suitable for any level of sailing experience. On this voyage you can achieve RYA Competent Crew and/or DofE Gold Residential
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> to Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug  Join at 4pm in Plymouth on Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> . Depart boat at 10am on 17 <sup>th</sup> in Poole.	CW62d	10	16 - 25	Plymouth – Guernsey - Poole	Youth Voyage	£950  At least 50% Bursary funding is guaranteed for this voyage if eligible! Up to	<b>Small Ships Race (Open Access)</b> A youth voyage departing from Plymouth. We will be sailing to Guernsey arriving 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug. There will then be a couple of days of preparation including scrutineering and a practice race. The race from Guernsey to Poole begins on the 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug with a prize giving happening on the 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug and we'll say goodbye to everyone on the morning of 17 <sup>th</sup> .

						3 bursaries may be available subject to availability	
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August  Join the boat in Poole on Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Depart in Penarth at 10am on Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	CW65	6	16 - 25	Poole – Penarth	Youth Voyage	£650  Bursary funding is available on this voyage	<b>Adventure Residential (Open Access)</b> A great opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, improve confidence, experience sailing while having fun. You will be involved in all aspects of sailing guided by our crew and suitable for any level of sailing experience. On this voyage you can achieve RYA Competent Crew and/or DofE Gold Residential
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	CW69	1	18 – 80	Penarth – Penarth	Adult Voyage	£100	<b>Challenge Experience Day</b> Big boat adult sailing day on 72-foot Challenge Wales. Get involved in all aspects of sailing, learn the ropes guided by our crew. Suited for individuals, couples or friends. No sailing experience necessary to take part

## September 2024

Date	Voyage No	No of Days	Age Range	To/From	Type	Per person Cost without bursary	Description
<b>Ask us about sailing availability and shore-side Sea and Tell availability during the first week of September</b>							
Tue 10 – Thu 12 Sep	CW72b	3	18+	Penarth - Penarth	Adult Voyage	Fully Booked	<b>3 day Leadership Development Course</b>  Using different theoretical leadership models this 3 day course uses shore-side and sailing time to help develop and improve Leadership teams.
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep	CW74	1	18+	Penarth – Penarth	Adult Voyage	£100	<b>Challenge Experience Day</b> Big boat adult sailing day on 72-foot Challenge Wales. Get involved in all aspects of sailing, learn the ropes guided by our crew. Suited for individuals, couples or friends. No sailing experience necessary to take part

- **Prices may change and are subject to availability. Prices will go down for those who have successfully applied for a Challenge Wales bursary or other bursaries that are available at the time.**

**Contact Challenge Wales on 029 20 704657 to talk through any of the above.**

**Additional Dates will be added as the season progresses**

### **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)

Face mask (to use below deck)

Personal hand sanitiser (although there will be supplies onboard for you to use)

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 full 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.