



## Voyage Schedule 2025

### 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

**Are there any age limits?** Sailing on *Challenge Wales* is open to those aged 14-85 years and who are reasonably fit. Some voyages are designed for specific age groups. Younger participants can join shore-based activities like our 'Sea and Tell' programme.

**Aged under 14 years?** Occasionally, 13 year olds may sail with us so please discuss this with us. If under 14 you can participate in our shore-side programme; 'Sea and Tell' which has welcomed participants from as young as 7.

**Aged between 14 – 25 years?** If you are in a group or school, [visit the Groups, Schools and Young People section](#) on our website. In Wales, we offer Agored Cymru accreditation in Teamwork and Confidence for ages 14+. Individuals or home-schooled students aged 14+ can join open access voyages like 'Boat Camp' and residentials.

**Aged between 16 – 25 years?** You can join Challenge Wales as an individual or as part of a youth group. Individuals can participate in more challenging activities alongside others joining on their own.

**Aged between 18 – 85 years?** Adult adventure voyages include day sails, races and longer voyages exploring some spectacular locations in the UK & overseas. If you're aged 18 – 25 years then you qualify for bursary funding and can join both the young person's programme and adult adventures. Meeting people from diverse backgrounds and ages is all part of the Challenge Wales experience!

**Non-sailing shore-based 'Sea and Tell' Programme:** Sea and Tell are structured activities that suit most ages and focus on STEM activities and ocean literacy. Sessions take place on the boat but don't involve sailing. Three-hour sessions for up to 12 young people and 2 group leaders cost £250, while shorter one-hour sessions are available for younger participants or those who have limited attention. These are often bookable on request.

**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 want to sail with Challenge Wales but cannot afford the voyage fees, a bursary may reduce your costs. [Anyone aged 12 - 25 years can apply for a bursary](#) from Challenge Wales for both individual / open access or group activities. Each bursary has specific criteria, and bursaries are often allocated on a first come, first serve basis for eligible individuals. Challenge Wales guarantees up to 20% bursary, but additional support may be available if needed – just ask us!

Our bursaries come with [Bursary Terms and Conditions which can be read here](#).

Bursary requirements:

- If you receive bursary funding you must write a short voyage report for funders after you voyage
- Bursaries are intended for those who genuinely need financial help, if you can pay part of the fee you can use a partial bursary and pay what you can afford.

Extra bursaries may become available at short notice, so if you're under 26 ask us about current options.

**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 2025?** *Challenge Wales* is taking part in the Fowey Flushing Regatta in August. There will be a short race amongst a few sail training vessels as part of the event. This voyage will start in Plymouth and will finish in Plymouth.

**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. We expect volunteer crew to donate a certain amount of time to help crew and they must attend training. Residential voyages are the perfect voyage for your volunteer assessment but you can also take part in a voyage of 1 day duration.

**What Awards, Accreditation or Qualifications can I gain from being onboard?**

You can earn various awards and qualifications depending on your voyage duration and in some cases having an instructor onboard:

- **RYA Start Yachting:** 2 – 3 days onboard (+£15)
- **RYA Competent Crew:** 5 days onboard (+£15)
- **RYA Watchleader:** 5 days onboard (requires prior sailing experience +£15)
- **RYA Sailability Awards (Bronze / Silver):** 5 days onboard (+£15)
- **DofE Gold Residential:** 5 days onboard
- **Agored Cymru Accreditation:** Teamwork (1 day), Developing Own Confidence (2 days), Environmental Project (4 days) and all at £25 per person per award. Multiple awards can be undertaken.

## July 2025

Date	Voyage No	No of Days	Age Range	To/From	Type	Per person Cost without bursary	Description
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Join 4pm)– Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul (depart 10am)	CW53	6	16-25	Dublin – Penarth	Youth Voyage	£650  Up to 40% bursary may be available. Please enquire  <b>Passport needed for this voyage</b>	<b>Celtic Adventure Residential</b> No sailing experience for this adventure. Learn sailing skills, develop teamwork skills, improve confidence. Join in Dublin, sail across the Irish Sea before sailing to West Wales and back towards Cardiff. Ideal for those who are new to sailing, want to make new friends while having some summer fun. Voyage is also suitable for Gold DofE Residential.
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	CW56	1		Penarth – Penarth	Volunteer Training		<b>Volunteer Training</b> Only open to Challenge Wales volunteer crew
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> July	CW56a	4	16-25	Penarth- Penarth	Youth Voyage	Fully Booked	<b>Youth Development Voyage</b> Learn about teamwork and achieve an Agored Cymru award. Introducing young people to the marine world
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> July	CW57	1	16-25	Penarth – Penarth	Youth Voyage	Fully Booked	<b>Blue Space - Mental Health Voyage</b> A voyage on Challenge Wales focused on improving young people's mental health.  Have the opportunity to meet like-minded people, take part in a new outdoor activity and learn employability skills, gain confidence, have time to reflect and talk while having fun
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	CW58	1	18-80	Penarth – Penarth	Adult Voyage	£105	<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  <b>2 places left on this voyage!!</b>
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July	CW58a	1	16-25	Penarth – Penarth	Youth Voyage	Fully Booked	<b>Youth Development Voyage</b> Learn about teamwork and achieve an Agored Cymru award. Introducing young people to the marine world
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Jul	CW60a	1		Penarth – Penarth	Volunteer Training		<b>Volunteer Training</b> Only open to Challenge Wales volunteer crew
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul (4.00pm)– Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug (10am)	CW60b	7	16 - 25	Penarth – Plymouth	Youth Voyage	£650  Up to 40% bursary may be available. Please enquire	<b>5 day Adventure Residential</b> Join us Tuesday afternoon, ready for an early departure the following day and the start of 5 days of sailing. An adventure that will take you around Lands End and to the South Coast. We'll be keeping our fingers crossed for dolphins. No sailing experience required. This voyage is suitable for those doing their DofE Gold Residential

## August 2025

Date	Voyage No	No of Days	Age Range	To/From	Type	Per person Cost without bursary	Description
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> (4pm) – Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug (10am)	CW62b	8	16-25	Plymouth – Plymouth	Youth Voyage	£725  Bursary may be available please enquire.  <b>Passports needed on this voyage</b>  £15 extra for RYA Competent Crew Qualification	<b>Channel Island Exploration</b> A fantastic opportunity to meet new people and share an amazing summer adventure. Following our first visit to Guernsey last year we couldn't wait to go back in 2025. Proposed port visits include: Dartmouth, Alderney, Jersey, Guernsey, Sark and back to Plymouth. With lovely clear waters we will be watching out for wildlife, exploring the islands and diving into ocean literacy and learning how to look after our oceans. This voyage is great for anyone looking to do something different this summer, looking to improve teamwork skills and confidence and make new friends. No sailing experience required and you can also gain your RYA Competent Crew on this voyage!
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> (arrive 4pm)– Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug (depart 3pm)	CW64d	6	16-25	Plymouth - Plymouth	Youth Voyage	£650  Bursary may be available please enquire	<b>Mini Race and Sailing</b> We are taking part in the Fowey Flushing Regatta race which is a fantastic opportunity to experience the excitement of a race and sailing with other boats. There will be an opportunity to practice before we start the actual race. No sailing or racing experience necessary. This will be a fun and busy residential, meeting other young people from other boats too. You will be working as a team and developing communication skills too. Can be used towards. This voyage can be used for Gold DofE Residential!
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> (4pm) Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug (10am)	CW66c	5	16-25	Plymouth – Penarth	Youth Voyage	£650  Bursary may be available please enquire	<b>Homeward Bound: Plymouth to Penarth Adventure</b> Join us in Plymouth for an evening of training before we head towards Lands End and back to Penarth. We plan to have a port stop in Padstow and experience the wonderful anchorage of Lundy Island – known for its blue waters, dolphins, seals and puffins. This is going to be an epic voyage for those looking to develop their sailing skills, those interested in doing something different and an opportunity to make friends. Ideal for Gold DofE too!
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	CW68c	1	16 - 25	Penarth - Penarth	Youth Voyage	Fully Booked	<b>Youth Group Day Voyage</b> A day on the water learning about teamwork and building confidence
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	CW68d	1	16 – 25	Penarth – Penarth	Youth Voyage	Provisionally Booked	<b>Available Sailing Day Skills Day for a Group</b> Learn employability skills while having fun outdoors. Agored Cymru accreditation available on this voyage
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	CW69	1	16 -25	Penarth – Penarth	Youth Voyage	Fully Booked	<b>Residential Voyage - Booked</b>

## September 2025

Date	Voyage No	No of Days	Age Range	To/From	Type	Per person Cost without bursary	Description
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> , Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	CW70a	Mix					<b>Available Sailing Days</b> If you are interested in joining us as a group for 1 or more of these days then please let us know
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	CW70c	1		Penarth-Penarth	Adult Voyage	Fully Booked	<b>Corporate Teambuilding Day</b> Teambuilding experience voyage
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	CW72	1	18-80	Penarth – Penarth	Adult Voyage	£105	<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

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	CW72a	1		Penarth – Penarth	Youth/ Adult	Available	<b>Available Sailing Days</b> If you are interested in joining us as a group for 1 or more of these days then please let us know
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	CW72b	3	18-80	Penarth – Penarth	Adult Voyage	Available.  Please contact us directly	<b>3 day Leadership Development Course</b>  In partnership with HR Consultants E3i, using different theoretical leadership models this 3 day course uses shore-side and sailing time to help develop and improve Leadership teams in the workplace.
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	CW73	1					<b>Available Sailing Day</b>
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	CW74	1					<b>Available Sailing Day</b>
Mon 15 - Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	CW74a	4 separate Day Sails	16-25	Penarth - Penarth	Youth Voyage	<b>Fully Booked</b>	<b>Blue Space - Mental Health Voyage</b> A voyage on Challenge Wales focused on improving young people's mental health.  Have the opportunity to meet like-minded people, take part in a new outdoor activity and learn employability skills, gain confidence, have time to reflect and talk while having fun
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept (full voyage period)	CW74e	10	18-80	Penarth - Gosport	Adult Voyage	£795	<b>Lands End Challenge Mile Builder/Sailing Skills Builder:</b> A possible 10 day experience which will include 60 mile passages, night sailing and working a watch system as we sail the boat down the Bristol Channel, around Lands End, into Plymouth and then sail the Solent before finishing in Gosport. This voyage is a fantastic trip if you are looking towards your next sailing qualification or wanting to refresh your skills. It is planned for an evening meal ashore on one evening which is at the participant's own expense. <i>Please bring a passport in case we visit a foreign port!</i>  <b>This voyage is in two parts, as outline below</b> - so if you don't have sufficient time available to do the full voyage, then come and join us for the first or second half!
Leg 1: Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> (join 7pm) - Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept (depart 10am) Plymouth	CW74e	10	18-80	Penarth - Plymouth	Adult Voyage	£475	<i>*As with all sailing voyages, weather conditions may mean we stop at different ports. Please bring a passport just in case we visit a foreign port!</i>
Leg 2: Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> (join 4pm) Plymouth – Mon. 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept (6pm Gosport)	CW76d	10	18-80	Plymouth - Gosport	Adult Voyage	£475	<i>*As with all sailing voyages, weather conditions may mean we stop at different ports. Please bring a passport just in case we visit a foreign port!</i>

- 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.**

#### **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 advised otherwise in the schedule.