



# Thorpe Bay Yacht Club

## Cadet Week Information Pack 2025

*Monday 11th - 15th August 2025*

Dear Cadets and Parents,

Please complete the online application and volunteer choices letting us know how you can help during Cadet Week. The week really does depend on your support. **You are reminded that at least one parent or appointed guardian per child is required to help out in some way during the week; the more volunteers, the fewer duties!** There is one form per family; please add additional cadets, adults and non-sailing children as required. Additional meals, lunches and t-shirts can be ordered via the application form.

**A parent or appointed guardian must remain on site at all times throughout the event and remain responsible for their children.**

Entrants are age 4, the summer before they start school, to 18 if they have just completed their last academic school year (Year 13). Children must be a cadet member as well as a parent/guardian to be eligible to apply.

Places for Stingrays and Piranhas will be allocated to those participating in beach activities and Cadet training first, then on a first come first served basis as these are novice groups by definition. Places in both Barracudas and Sharks groups will be at the discretion of the Cadet Committee, and will take into account regular sailing activity in both the training and/or Club racing if the demand for places exceeds the maximum numbers given.

**It will be at the Cadet Committee's discretion as to which group a child will be allocated.**

With the exception of the Stingray group, all cadets **must** supply their own boat. It is the parents' responsibility, and not that of the Cadet Rep or Group Leaders to secure boats for cadets. We do have a small number of club boats that can be borrowed for the week with prior arrangement. Please contact Lindsay Rainbow on [cadetrep@tbyc.org](mailto:cadetrep@tbyc.org) to discuss this before completing your application. All boats must have sail numbers to identify them on the water. **Please ensure you have acquired a boat and/or partner before applying for Cadet Week.**

### **Fees**

The price of Cadet Week 2025 is £125.00 per cadet. We are lucky to provide an extensive programme at such a reasonable cost due to sponsorships secured, for which we are extremely grateful. Due to the expected demand, there will be no refunds for cancellation or for those attending only part of the week. Please complete the online application form no later than **8pm Sunday 4th May 2025.** Payment for Cadet Week must be made **in full** at time of application. If you have any problems with this please contact Lindsay Rainbow.



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There are 4 Groups this year, as follows:

### **STINGRAYS - Leader: Adam Clark**

**A parent will need to accompany their child in the water as a group helper for all 5 days of the event if the child is in stingrays** (if you have 2 parents at the week please volunteer to help in other duties if you can)

This group is mainly for primary aged children who may be beginners and those who want to gain confidence in a boat through fun games and sailing challenges. The emphasis will be on having fun. Stingrays will learn the basics of sailing, parts of the boat and how to launch, recover, and steer.

Minimum age 4 - those starting infant school in September 2025. Children need to be confident in and around the water. Priority will be given to those regular participants in Beach activities.

**You will need to be on the beach at all times and have a parent in the water.**

**Maximum 60 cadets.**

### **PIRANHAS – Leader: Sam Weller**

This group is to enable the transition from Stingrays before racing in Barracudas. Piranhas will continue to develop basic sailing skills. You will be able to tack, gybe and control boat speeds gaining the confidence to begin to race while having fun and expeditions. All Cadets need to be confident in a boat, even if not experienced. Adult helpers must be competent and willing to sail a Pico in windy conditions, as the whole idea of the group is to build the children's confidence throughout the week enabling them to leave the beach, sail a triangular course and return to the beach unaided.

**Maximum 30 cadets (20 boats). All in Picos 2 up or individually Teras**

### **BARRACUDAS – Andras Gal**

Those applying should normally be of secondary school age and have a good level of sailing experience with confidence on the water. Barracudas should be an intermediate sailor and can sail a set course, however, it may be appropriate for a less experienced sailor to pair up with a cadet who is a confident helm. The activities will include sail training, expeditions and racing. Participation in the Cadet Pathway programme would be helpful.

**Maximum 30 cadets (20 boats). All in Picos/Teras or faster boats at the discretion of the cadet committee**

### **SHARKS - Leader: Scott Weller**

This group is for older cadets who are confident sailors. They will be expected to be sailing in socially compatible pairs (unless the boat is a single-hander) and will practise boat handling skills, undertake a race series and explore the Estuary. Sharks will need a dry bag or similar to store their lunch/snacks for the day.

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The sailing timetable for the week will be available nearer the time. Registration will be on Sunday 10th August 3-5pm and the safety briefing will occur in parallel. The main briefing for **everyone** will commence no earlier than 9am on Monday 11th August 2025 TBC.

### Meals

All entered cadets have lunch and evening meals are included when scheduled.

- Monday – Sausage, mash potatoes, peas, sweetcorn, baked beans and gravy. Dessert for cadets
- Tuesday – Chicken nuggets, chips and salad bar. Desserts for cadets
- Wednesday - **no** evening meal
- Thursday – Pie night with vegetables and gravy. Dessert for cadets
- Friday – Pasta bolognese, garlic bread and salad bar. Dessert for cadets

This year parents, additional adults and non-sailing children can take advantage of packages for lunches and evening meals which includes an early bird discount of £2pp per evening meal. Wristbands will be issued at registration for each package and must be presented at the galley. There may be an opportunity to buy meals during the week but this is not guaranteed so book early to avoid disappointment as numbers will be limited. Please let us know of any dietary requirements on the entry form. Vegetarian options will be available.

The evening meal package includes 4 main meals and is £40 adults; the additional non-sailing children's evening meal package is £31. Lunch packages covering the 5 days and includes a choice of sandwich (preselected), fruit, treat, crisps and a drink. Adults £26 and additional non-sailing children £21.

### Evening Events

- Monday: Kingpin bowling 7pm, parents to transport cadets to the venue.
- Tuesday; Thanks to local sponsorship we will be holding an activity evening at the Club including bouncy castles and other activities. If you wish to take advantage of the craft activity please indicate on the application form.
- Wednesday; Free Night, no food provided and the kitchen will be closed.  
Shark only camp Benfleet YC
- Thursday; Main Prize giving and sponsors introduction will be held after dinner in the marquee.
- Friday; Cadet Party and Disco 7-11pm . A short end of week Prize Giving from the last day's racing will be included.

Should you have any questions regarding Cadet Week or difficulties, please email Lindsay Rainbow [cadetrep@tbyc.org](mailto:cadetrep@tbyc.org)

**Please follow this link to complete your application**

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/TBYC1/TBYCCadetWeek2025>