Welcome to the Canberra Yacht Club Sailing School, a fun safe way to get kids into the sport of sailing.

The School is a fully accredited Discover Sailing Centre by Yachting Australia.

Aim
Our aim is to make sailing fun and enjoyable for all. We provide a high level of coaching for all introduction courses and the opportunity for you to progress in the sport of sailing. We offer a comprehensive range of training for all levels of sailing and powerboat handling.

Sailing Courses Available
The Canberra Yacht Club offers safe sailing courses for children aged from 7 and up. Courses are divided into two age groups Tackers 7-11 and Kids 12-16.
The courses are designed from beginners through to the experienced sailor.

Tackers Sailing Course
The Tackers course is a mass participation program aimed at introducing young children to sailing in a fun, safe, accessible and affordable way. Tackers offers children the opportunity to start on a pathway to ongoing involvement in sailing clubs through gradual progression over several seasons. The Tackers program focuses on non-competitive sailing games in a supportive environment.

Kids Sailing Courses
The kids sailing courses are designed for children 12-16 years old. The course consists of 30 hours of safe fun on the water, with basic sailing theory and practical sailing with an instructor supervising at all times. We have a number of boats to suit all sizes and skills.

Courses
Tackers 1 – “Having fun”
Participants will learn the basics of sailing, boating safety, and confidence in the boat. The boats are sailed two-up, with sailing games replacing traditional theory. Sailing will be on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30am.

Tackers 2 – “Tricks and Techniques”
Participants will learn to sail single-handed, rig and launch independently as well as skills such as stopping, coming alongside and sailing backwards. Sailing will be on Saturday afternoons from 12:00 – 2:00pm. If numbers permit, there will be a second group from 2.30 – 4.30pm.
Youth Sailing Programs

Tackers 3 – “Sailing Fast”
Participants get to sail boats on their own, learning how to make the boat go faster and playing more games, all whilst still under the guidance and support of the Instructor and Assistant Instructors.
Sailing is run on Fridays from 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

Youth Sailing Academy Silver
The YSA Silver program is for those who have completed the learn to sail course over the holidays, and would like to improve their sailing skills, learning how to rig, launch and sail the boats in a safe and controlled manner.
Sailing will be on Saturday afternoons from 2:30 – 5:00pm.

Youth Sailing Academy Gold
The YSA Gold program is for the experienced sailors who have completed the Silver or Tackers 2 program and are interested in learning to race. Gold is an invite only program that teaches the children relevant racing skills including – starting, rules, tactics and strategy. The students will be assigned a club topper and it will be their responsibility for the duration of the course.
Sailing will be on Wednesdays from 4:30pm – 7:30pm.

Optimist Green Fleet
The Optimist Green program is aimed at intermediate junior sailors. The program is designed to extend the student’s sailing skill to a pre-racing level, teaching new skills as well as developing and refining skills learned in a previous holiday or Tackers course. The program is sailed in Optimists, with participants learning how to rig, launch, and sail their boat with advanced skills that will prepare them for racing.
Sailing is on Sundays from 11:00 – 1:00pm

Optimist Race Squad
The program is an invite-only program and teaches skills relevant to racing including start lines, rules and tactics, wind strategy and racing terminology. Participants are encouraged to sail in the club race program, as well as attending interstate regattas. Participants are expected to have their boat rigged and ready prior to the sessions briefing.
Sailing is on Sundays from 11:00 – 1:00pm

Youth Racing Squad
The Youth Racing Squad is for sailors who are competent in racing, and are interested in travelling to events. The course is designed to further the sailor’s knowledge of the rules, tactics and strategies of sailing as well as teaching them new boat handling skills that are useful in race situations and sail settings for all conditions.
YRS sailing is run on Fridays from 4:00pm – 6:30pm.
Cost*
YSA Silver, Gold and Tackers: $360p/term
Optimist Racing: club boat $360p/term - Private boat $260p/term
Youth Race Squad: Club boat $360p/term - Private boat $260p/term

*The cost for all courses also includes a season’s membership.

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