

NEW ADVENTURES ON OUR DOOR STEP...

Joining Nantwich and Boarders Sailing Club, as a junior member along with my dad and brother this year, has been a true adventure. I discovered sailing when my brother was bossing me around in a pico whilst my dad was cooking burgers on the barbecue every Wednesday throughout the summer, after school. It was amazing to be by the lake, in the evening, as the sun would glimmer through the trees and cast its silhouette over the water. After a few weeks, I began crewing for my dad in his GP14 on the Wednesday night races. This is when I decided I wanted to learn to sail my own boat. During the autumn, I set out to achieve my levels 1&2 sailing qualifications and completed it over nine weeks of training.

BECOMING A SAILOR

Whilst taking part in the Autumn course, I made many new friends and learnt so much about sailing. It was a challenge, however it was exciting and a new way to have fun! Getting up early on Saturday mornings were a struggle but by the time you were at the club you already knew it was worth it. As soon as I arrived on the first day, it felt welcoming and like the start of a new adventure. Everyday, was full of new information, more skills to learn and challenges to complete. Over the weeks, I began to gain my confidence on the water and start to master new skills to use. The course itself was a lot of fun, especially when we capsized and couldn't compete with the force of the wind, falling of the boats and being rescued by the safety boat, being towed by the powerboats, rescuing fake dummies from the water and collecting rubber ducks cast out over the water. All of this helped to build my confidence on the water and was an amazing experience.

JOINING THE CLUB

From the day you first arrive, Nantwich and Boarders Sailing Club is an extremely welcoming community. Whenever you need guidance about anything to do with boats, there is always someone happy to help you. Whilst taking part in the course, information is available regarding purchasing a boat, boat maintenance and anything related to boats. The club surroundings are beautiful, a hidden treasure right on your doorstep (especially as the sun sets over the water). You can be sat outside the club house enjoying a cup of tea watching the serene environment laid out before you as the boats gently cut through the water. On the other hand, you can be filled with adrenaline in high winds hiked out on the edge of a boat during the Sunday races - more fears to conquer.



FUTURE CHALLENGES

My goal for the future is to be able to confidently sail a topper. When the spring comes, I would like to continue sailing on Wednesday nights so I can gain more confidence on the water.

I love the thought of going sailing with my dad and brother on holiday, imagine a beautiful small beach, with our boats landed up in the sand, ready to go back out in the bay for an afternoons sailing after dad finally gets the BBQ lighted...