



Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club Training Section

RYA Training Centre

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Sailability – Special needs Schools

Overview.

Several schools who use our facilities are designated special needs schools, and as such contain students of many different abilities. Frequently such children are reliant upon medication. The nature of the risks associated with the sport remain the same, but the likelihood of accident may be increased by disability. It is, however, impossible to specify separate areas of risk for such students as each must be treated on his or her own merits. Never-the-less some general points apply.

General

- Students must always be accompanied by a minimum of two responsible teachers or assistants.
- Teachers/assistants are responsible for medication and all shore based activities
- All instructors should know which teachers or assistants are responsible for the administering of any specialist medical treatment.
- Teachers or their assistants' views of the children's capabilities must be respected and adhered to at all times.
- Instructors and helpers must remain especially vigilant and watchful to forestall any dangers to which a child's disability may make him or her prone.

Before taking part in any water based activities

- All children must be fitted with a buoyancy aid
- Buoyancy aids should be checked by instructors before children are allowed near the water.
- Children should be wearing suitable clothing or sunblock for the weather conditions.

When taking part in water based activities.

- An RYA Senior Instructor must be present.
- RYA ratios of instructors/safety boats to pupils must be adhered to, and treated as a minimum.
- Shore based staff must be available and in place at all times.
- Mixed sex groups must have teachers/instructors or assistants of both sexes present.
- Safety boat cover must be provided and staffed by suitably qualified drivers at all times.

Shore based activity

- No children should be left unsupervised
- Instructors or helpers should never be left alone with children.