

Courses & Activities

2024



Welcome to a new season of Fellowship Afloat's courses and activities!

We have a packed calendar of opportunities for children, young people, adults and families, alongside our residential programme for groups and schools.

We hope you enjoy looking at the different courses and events – if you need any more details, please don't hesitate to contact the office. We look forward to welcoming you aboard!



If you are looking for a place with stunning scenery, a warm welcome and a bespoke programme tailored to your needs, then look no further. *Trinity* is available to book for private, corporate, schools or youth organisations with groups of up to 48 people. Our team will organise and run the programme, so that you are able to make the most of your time on board – all situated less than one hour from the M25 on the beautiful East Coast. For further details please contact the office.

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Andrew Eastham
Chief Executive
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Where to find us

Tollesbury is situated in Essex, England, on the north coast of the River Blackwater, south of Colchester and east of Maldon.

Tollesbury is at the south end of the B1023, which can be accessed from the A12 (London to Colchester road) at Kelvedon, Essex. The best railway station is 10 miles away at Witham, about 45 minutes journey time from London Liverpool Street and there's a bus service from Witham to Tollesbury.

Our courses include:

Sail Away Days	Youth Sailing Courses
Adventure Weeks	RYA Instructor Training
RYA Sail Training	Other Instructor Training
Specialist Weekends	RYA Powerboat Training

Get in touch today and find out more!



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RYA Powerboat Training

RYA Powerboat Level 2

Dates: 9-11 February; 6-7 April*; 8-9 June*; 20-21 July*; 28-29 September*; 15-17 November
Cost: Adult £299, student £220
Times: Arrive 19:30 Friday
Depart 16:00 Sunday
*Arrive 08:30 Saturday
Depart 16:00 Sunday

Interested in learning to drive a powerboat? Experience the fun of powerboating and learn how to handle them at planing & displacement speeds. An essential course for anyone using powerboats.

For those aged 14 to adult

RYA Powerboat Instructor Training

We are able to offer training and assessments for the RYA Powerboat Instructor qualification and continue to offer the International Certificate of Competence (ICC) and European Waterways CEVNI. These courses are run on demand, if you are interested in finding out more about this training, please contact the office.



Dinghy Instructor Training

RYA Dinghy Instructor Pre-entry Assessment

Dates: 25 February
Cost: £88
Times: Arrive 09:00 Sunday
Depart 15:30 Sunday

This compulsory part of the Dinghy Instructor course will need to be completed prior to attending an RYA Instructor course.

For those aged 16 to adult

RYA Dinghy Instructor

Dates: Part 1: 22-24 March
Part 2: 1-4 April
Cost: £475
Times: Part 1: Arrive 19:00 Friday
Depart 16:00 Sunday
Part 2: Arrive 19:00 Monday
Depart 17:00 Thursday

Want to share the sport you love? This comprehensive, internationally recognised course covers the skills and techniques you need to teach the RYA dinghy schemes.

For those aged 16 to adult

RYA Assistant Instructor

Dates: 22-24 March
Cost: £165
Times: Arrive 19:30 Friday
Depart 16:00 Sunday

If you'd like to share your skills and assist with sail training at FACT, this course will give you the expertise and techniques to do so.

For those aged 14 to adult



RYA Sailing Courses

A wide range of courses are on offer for each of these dates, contact the office for more details.

Dates: 6-7 April; 8-9 June; 20-21 July; 28-29 September
Cost: Adult £220, student £165
Times: Arrive 08:30 Saturday
Depart 16:00 Sunday

For those aged 14 to adult

RYA Level 1 (start sailing)

A two-day course for anyone who would like an introduction to the joys of sailing.

RYA Level 2 (basic skills)

For anyone who's enjoyed a bit of sailing already and is looking to start taking a boat out in light winds without an instructor, building on experience and acquiring basic boat handling skills.

RYA Level 3 (better skills)

For improving technique, increasing confidence and developing the independence to take a boat out in light to moderate conditions. Focusing on crew and helm teamwork and some more advanced elements of sailing.

RYA Seamanship Skills

Following on from Level 3, this course builds on the techniques mastered in the previous levels; providing candidates with the skills to handle a wide variety of situations.

Other RYA sailing courses are available on request.

Youth Sailing Courses

RYA Young Sailors

Dates: 28-30 May
Cost: £210
Times: Arrive 10:00 Tuesday
Depart 16:00 Thursday

The Youth Sailing scheme is a great way to learn to sail or improve your existing skills. A variety of activities will be used to share the excitement of sailing, including racing, games, short trips and some shore-based sessions.

For those aged 9-14 years



Sail Away Days

Dates: 25 May; 27 July; 14 September
Cost: £49pp (family discount for 3 or more)
Times: Arrive 09:00 Depart 17:30

Sail and explore the beautiful Blackwater estuary, discover a beach for a picnic lunch before returning to our floating centre, *Trinity*, for tea & cake with an epilogue. A great opportunity to enjoy a day in the outdoors doing something a little different. No experience necessary.

For those aged 9 to adult
(under 16s to be accompanied by an adult)

Active Revision

Dates: 8-12 April
Cost: £250
Times: Arrive 11:00 Monday
Depart 10:00 Friday

Recharge your brain with some adventurous activities to stimulate your mind and help you to retain that vital information for your exams. These four days will give you a chance to study smart, play hard and relax with others and will also provide the opportunity to explore some of the big questions of life. Come be a part of it!

For those in school years 11-13

Summer Adventure

Week 1

Dates: 3-9 August
Cost: £445
Times: Arrive 16:00 Saturday
Depart 10:00 Friday

Join us on board *Trinity* for an action-packed week of sailing, archery, climbing and team challenges. It's an opportunity to make new friends, be active and look at how God has shaped our world. A week you won't want to miss.

For those aged 9-12 years

Week 2

Dates: 10-16 August
Cost: £445
Times: Arrive 16:00 Saturday
Depart 10:00 Friday

This is a great week for adventure, fun and challenging yourself. Try out high ropes, sailing, wide games and archery, spend time with friends and even make new ones. There will also be great food, a chance to chill and to engage in some faith-based discussion. Come and join us!

For those aged 12-15 years

Trinity Open Day

Dates: Saturday 13 April
Cost: Free – all welcome
Times: Open between 10:30-16:00

Come and have a look around FACT's beautiful lightship *Trinity*. Take a tour up the stunning light tower and explore our historic ship. Find out more about Fellowship Afloat and what we get up to all year round and of course try our famous homemade cakes!

High Tide: 16:37 4.7m

Specialist Weekends

Estuary Birdwatching

Dates: 16-18 February
Cost: £165
Times: Arrive 18:30 Friday
for evening meal
Depart 16:00 Sunday

Led by an expert visiting team. Explore the Blackwater estuary by boat, visit nearby reserves, admire the surrounding salt marsh from our helideck and enjoy the huge variety of birds to be seen.

For adults

East Coast in Watercolour

Dates: 23-25 February;
29 November-1 December
Cost: £199
Times: Arrive 18:30 Friday
for evening meal
Depart 16:00 Sunday

A weekend's tuition with experienced marine artist Tony Osler whilst enjoying the estuary views in our unique setting.

For adults



A packed calendar of opportunities
for all ages and abilities!

Land-based Instructor Courses

ERCA High Ropes Instructor

Dates: 19-23 February
Cost: £499 non-residential
Residential option £35/night
Times: Arrive 09:00 Monday
Depart 17:00 Friday

The European Ropes Course Association (ERCA) set standards concerning training and operation of ropes courses. Designed for those who operate or manage traditional high ropes courses, this training is delivered through both theory and practical sessions and follows the ERCA syllabus. Elements such as Jacob's Ladder, the Leap of Faith and the High All Aboard are included. Successful candidates will be qualified to instruct on any ropes course.

Minimum age 18

Archery GB Instructor

Dates: 10-11 September
Cost: £255 non-residential
Residential option £35/night
Times: Arrive 08:30 Tuesday
Depart 17:30 Wednesday

This entry-level training course prepares you to deliver fun, safe sessions for beginners. The two days include theory and practical sessions and a short assessment at the end. On completion, you will be able to deliver archery sessions confidently to beginners of all ages; in leisure, recreation or educational environments.

For those aged 17 to adult



Why choose us?

- 1 Unique Location:** FACT is based on a permanently moored converted lightship in the unique and beautiful setting of the Blackwater estuary. Our salt marsh setting offers great vistas and a place to get away from it all.
- 2 Comfort, Safety & Learning:** Accommodation, instruction, safety equipment and quality home-cooked food are all included in the prices.
- 3 Going the Extra Mile:** Each day, from morning until night, is led by our onboard team of staff and expert volunteers, who form the lively Christian community which is Fellowship Afloat.
- 4 On the Water:** Our sail training fleet comprises Wayfarers, six single-handers, Laser Stratos, RS Toura, Laser I & Laser II, a Dart 16 catamaran, a Sowester 18, a Drascombe Longboat and a Drascombe Gig. For powerboating, we have a variety of planing RIBs and displacement craft.
- 5 On Shore:** We also have a high ropes course, indoor archery range, large indoor traversing climbing wall and games area complemented by a range of team building games.

2024 Calendar

February

9-11 RYA Powerboat Level 2
16-18 Estuary Birdwatching
19-23 ERCA High Ropes Instructor
23-25 East Coast in Watercolour
25 RYA Instructor Pre-entry Assessment

March

22-24 RYA Assistant Instructor
22-24 RYA Dinghy Instructor Part 1

April

1-4 RYA Dinghy Instructor Part 2
6-7 RYA Sailing Courses
6-7 RYA Powerboat Level 2
8-12 Active Revision
13 Trinity Open Day

May

25 Sail Away Day
28-30 RYA Young Sailors

June

8-9 RYA Sailing Courses
8-9 RYA Powerboat Level 2

July

20-21 RYA Sailing Courses
20-21 RYA Powerboat Level 2
27 Sail Away Day

August

3-9 Summer Adventure
Week 1, 9-12 yrs
10-16 Summer Adventure
Week 2, 12-15 yrs

September

10-11 Archery GB Instructor
14 Sail Away Day
28-29 RYA Sailing Courses
28-29 RYA Powerboat Level 2

November

15-17 RYA Powerboat Level 2
29-1 Dec East Coast in Watercolour

Contact us today
to find out more

