



## **Youth Sailing Bursary Scheme**

### **Introduction**

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club is dedicated to fostering the growth and development of young sailors within our club. Recognising the financial challenges youth sailors may face when participating in events away from their home club, we have established a Youth Sailor Bursary. This initiative aims to alleviate some of the financial burdens associated with participating in such events, enabling more young sailors to experience, and to pursue their passion for competitive sailing.

### **Bursary Details**

The Youth Sailor Bursary will provide financial assistance to youth sailors who are members of Pevensey Bay Sailing Club and wish to participate in sailing events held away from their home club. The bursary will cover up to half of the costs of entering the event incurred by the selected applicants. The total value of the available bursary fund in any one calendar year is up to £1,000. Bursary awards will be capped at a maximum of £250 for any one individual per calendar year.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

1. Applicants must be active members of Pevensey Bay Sailing Club in good standing.
2. Applicants must be youth sailors defined by the club constitution as up to and including the age of 25 years old at the date of the event.
3. Applicants must provide evidence of their participation in the sailing event(s) for which they seek financial assistance.
4. Applicants must provide evidence of the fee(s) for which they seek financial assistance.
5. The applicant can claim a maximum of 50% of their costs to enter an event. This could include entry fee, travel and accommodation for example.
6. Costs can only be claimed once per boat per event.
7. Preference may be given to applicants demonstrating financial need, commitment to the sport of sailing, and potential for personal and/or athletic growth.
8. Preference may be given to youth sailors entering their first or second events to encourage and support their participation.



### **Application Process**

Interested youth sailors must submit a completed application form, including details of the event(s) they wish to participate in, along with supporting documentation such as event registration confirmation and a brief statement outlining their financial need and reasons for seeking the bursary.

The executive committee will review the application at the next meeting (Meetings generally occur monthly). A decision will be given at the earliest opportunity with due consideration given to all applications received. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision in writing.

Following a successful application, applicants must have entered the event and supply evidence of costs incurred and claimed for, to the club treasurer for reimbursement.

In the event that an event is cancelled and the applicant receives a refund, an amount equal to 50% of the refund value must be returned to the club.

### **Discretion of the Executive Committee**

The allocation of bursary funds will be at the discretion of the executive committee of Pevensey Bay Sailing Club. The committee will review all applications received and determine the eligibility of applicants based on the established criteria. The executive committee reserves the right to prioritise applicants based on the aforementioned criteria and/or reduce the maximum award to less than the £250 cap to keep within the funds available in the event that the total value of eligible applications exceeds the available bursary fund.

### **Conclusion**

Establishing the Youth Sailor Bursary underscores PBSC's commitment to supporting the competitive development of young sailors who are the future of the sport and the Sailing Club. This initiative will benefit individual sailors and contribute to our sailing community's overall growth and vibrancy.



## Youth Sailing Bursary Application

Applicant Name		Applicant Age	
Years as a PBSC member		PBSC youth sessions participated in over the last 12 months	Value of bursary application

Reason for Bursary Application

Please attach any additional evidence you may have to support your bursary claim and submit to the Commodore at [commodore@pbsc.org.uk](mailto:commodore@pbsc.org.uk) for review.