

# Sailing on the Harbour

## Jargon hunter

As with any sport, sailing is associated with a lot of unfamiliar terms. Some things to watch out for include the boom (it will knock you out of the boat if you're not careful), your skipper (always do as they say), and the multiple lines (ropes) that will inevitably entangle you at some stage. The key is to think fast!

## Who's who

The young Russell Coutts attended Otago Boys' High School, and famously went on to be part of the 2000 successful challenge of the Americas Cup. He even invited several young Otago Boys' High School sailors onto the stage steps of the Dunedin Town Hall at the ticker tape parade held to celebrate the Team New Zealand victory.

**If you have ever wanted to learn how to sail, you've come to the right place. With a perfect 22km long harbour on your doorstep, all that you need is a boat and a lifejacket to get out there and enjoy it!**

It comes as no surprise that water sport is a pastime that thousands of Otago residents hold dear. Even the very young members of our community are able to get out and enjoy sailing, whether it be with parents or friends, or even in their own small vessel. Many Dunedin schools run sailing as a camp or physical education activity, or have clubs that participate in secondary schools' competitions. Otago Trailer Yacht Squadron runs multiple events around Otago including the Otago Trailer Yacht Championship. There are numerous youth events run by groups and clubs, including regattas and trophies between the various Sea Scout groups and the Navy Cadets and Saturday and Sunday club competitions. Most weekends the harbour is dotted with various classes of sailing vessel, from small dinghies to larger trailer sailers, all participating in different series, regattas, and trophy races.

Learning to sail in Dunedin is easy – just head along to the various 'learn to sail' classes that are run around the harbour, join one of the University Recreation Centre courses, or alternatively, join a Sea Scout group or the Naval Cadets. There are many yacht clubs to be found dotted around the edge of the harbour, from Port Chalmers to Broad Bay, so get down there and give it a go!



Otago's harbour – a great opportunity to enjoy sailing



Moored vessels in the Harbour

