

Across the Board Surf Club – Children and Young People Sessions

Information for Parents and Carers

We are delighted to launch this year's Across the Board Surf School! Please see below the list of dates we will be running sessions this summer.

The Surf School is run by the National Autistic Society – Isle of Wight Branch. It is run and organised by a team of parent volunteers and supported by an amazing team of surfing volunteers. Our Surfing Instructor from ISurf is Chris Mannion. We use his equipment and wetsuits and he will lead and advise us at each session.

You can book a place on as many or as few of the sessions you want to. Spaces must be booked and paid in advance. Spaces are booked on a first come first served basis.

Surf Club Dates		
Sunday 24 May	Juniors	10 am– 11 am
	Specialist 1:1	11.30 am – 12.30 pm
	Seniors	1 pm – 2 pm
Sunday 31 May	Advanced	10.00 am – 11.30 am
Sunday 21 June	Advanced	10.00 am – 11.30 am
Sunday 28 June	Juniors	10 am– 11 am
	Specialist 1:1	11.30 am – 12.30 pm
	Seniors	1 pm – 2 pm
Saturday 11 July	Juniors	10 am– 11 am
	Specialist 1:1	11.30 am – 12.30 pm
	Seniors	1 pm – 2 pm
Sunday 19 July	Advanced	10.00 am – 11.30 am
Saturday 25 July	Juniors	10 am– 11 am
	Specialist 1:1	11.30 am – 12.30 pm
	Seniors	1 pm – 2 pm
Sunday 16 August	Juniors	10 am– 11 am
	Specialist 1:1	11.30 am – 12.30 pm
	Seniors	1 pm – 2 pm
Sunday 23 August	Juniors	10 am– 11 am
	Specialist 1:1	11.30 am – 12.30 pm
	Seniors	1 pm – 2 pm

To secure your place please complete the 'Booking and Consent Form' and 'Personal Profile' for each child attending and return along with a cheque for the full amount (cheques should be made payable to 'NAS IOW'). This can be either in person at one of our Sign Up Sessions or by post to; NAS Surf Club, c/o 24 St Saviours Road Totland Bay, PO39 0EZ.

You can choose from the following sessions;

10 am -11 am Juniors (approx. 8 +) we do welcome children under 8 but they must be accompanied by a parent/carer in the water, as you would expect in a swimming pool. Under 8's will still be supported by the Instructor and volunteers. £5 per session.

11.30 am - 12.30 pm Specialist 1:1 - For those with high levels support needs; this may be due to physical needs and/or direction and focus support. We will provide 1:1 support in the water. Maximum of 8 surfers in this session. £5 per session.

1pm - 2pm Seniors (approx. 12+) same as the junior session but aimed at an older age group. £5 per session.

Advanced over 8 a new group for those that have surfed before and are competent swimmers, confident surfers, can safely follow direction and want to develop their skills. These sessions may take place at Compton Beach as well as Sandown. Surfers can do this session in addition to Juniors/Senior sessions. £7.50 per session.

The venue will be Sandown Beach, unless otherwise advised. We will meet at the new ISurf building next to the Sundial Cafe. The ISurf building has changing room facilities.

We encourage siblings without diagnosis to join in. We will give priority to children with ASD, but will always accommodate where we can. We are able to offer places to other family members (cousins etc) if availability allows, however we cannot offer these at a subsidised rate.

Your Responsibilities

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your session starts. If you are running late please text/call us on 07876796485 or 07766142468 so we know you are still coming.

Please make sure you complete the 'Personal Profile' for each of the children attending; this will ensure we support each child according to their individual needs and help them to get the most out of surf club.

Each child remains your responsibility at all times. Parents/carers are expected to remain on the beach throughout the duration of the session and supervise their children from the shoreline or in the water for under 8's.

What do I need to bring?

ISurf will provide a wetsuit for your child. Wetsuits are also available for parents/carers.

Please ensure your child is wearing swimwear and appropriate sun screen prior to going out on the water, and has a towel, dry clothes to change into, a drink and snack.

Cancellations & Refunds

Should conditions not be considered safe on the day we will endeavour to reschedule. Safety has to be paramount. We will text you as soon as we know if a session is to be cancelled. Please ensure you give us an appropriate mobile number on your Booking and Consent form so we can contact you. In the event that we are unable to reschedule or you cannot make the rescheduled date we will offer a full refund. Refunds will not be given for sessions booked and then not attended.

Please let us know if you are no longer able to attend a session; even if it is short notice. We usually have a waiting list of children who will be able to fill the space. If sufficient notice is given to us (at least 48 hours) and a space is available at an alternative session, we will try to accommodate your child in a another session.

Katie Bond & Claire Collins - Across the Board Surf Club Co-ordinators