

The Formentera department of sport reports that registration for summer courses in sailing and windsurfing at the Escola de Vela begins Wednesday 8 July. Classes start Monday 13 July and are geared towards children aged 5 to 17.

To sign up, call the Antoni Blanc fitness centre at 971 32 12 40.

Courses last two weeks and include classes Monday to Friday, with two hours and 15 minutes of daily lessons from 9.00am to 11.15am, 11.45am to 2.00pm or 4.30pm to 6.45pm. Originally scheduled to run two and a half hours, sessions have been shortened to create a 30-minute buffer between groups during which time equipment can be disinfected.

A number of instructional levels are proposed from beginners' to advanced, and group size is limited to eight. Students must be at least five years old to for sailing classes and seven for windsurfing. Students must know how to swim. 10 July will see the start of Friday classes for a group from the Formentera Centre de Dia. The regatta team will also begin training this week.

Classes for students over 18

Whether students are new to water sports or seasoned pros, two Saturday sessions —9.30am to 11.30am or 12 noon to 2.00pm— are available for students over 18. Per safety measures, masks must be worn in the school and when groups are together on the boat, although not on individual sailboats or windsurf boards, since students ride alone and a safe distance can be kept.

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