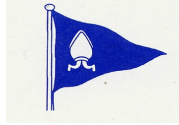


Sailing at Brading Haven Yacht Club



Welcome to BHYC. We are a sailing club in Bembridge Harbour at the eastern end of the Isle of Wight. Enclosed is some general information about sailing at the Club and importantly, who to contact should you require any further help. Good Sailing

Roger Herbert, Rear Commodore Sailing

Sailing in the Harbour and in Bembridge Bay

From BHYC we have access to some of the best sailing waters around the Isle of Wight including the harbour itself, which has a long history of small boat sailing including local designs such as the *Scow* and *Swan*. Apart from dredged areas, most of the harbour dries out at low tide although dinghy sailing is possible from about 3 hours either side of High Water, which is only a few minutes different from HW Portsmouth. Sailing outside the harbour is magnificent for small craft, however fast tidal currents occur through the narrow entrance. Members may launch and recover their craft from the Club at any time subject to tidal constraints. For further information and local advice please contact the boatman (see contacts).

Launching & Berthing

The clubs Boatman and Berthing master are responsible for allocating and maintaining moorings and space in the dinghy park (see contacts). Booking details and information is available on the website and club office. There are 3 pontoons at the club. At the west end, a deep-water pontoon and slipway enables launching from about 2 hours after Low Water on springs and most neap tides. Berthed on the eastern side of this pontoon are the Clubs safety and support boats. Members may use the deep-water pontoon for **short-stay only (max 12Hrs)** for example loading/unloading. Members are also asked to keep this pontoon area clear during race times (see Programme). Fast-Handicap dinghies are mostly kept at the west end of the dinghy park and Slow Handicap at the eastern end. There is also an apron for *Scows* at the front of the club. Tenders are put on the water inside the eastern pontoon for the summer months and in the stowage racks (or taken home) during winter. Freshwater is available for hosing down boats – but please use sparingly. A small electric winch is available for recovering craft from the slipways (contact boatman). Changing rooms and shower facilities are available at the eastern end of the Club House.

Gear Storage

Members may store sails, rigs and outboard motors in the sail store at the western end of the boathouse. **Please label and keep the room tidy.** A key to the store is available in the Clubhouse.

Cruising Section

The Cruising section is led by the Cruising Captain. Rallies and social events are organised throughout the year: cruising@bhyc.org.uk

Motor Boat Section

The motor boat section is led by the section Captain and includes members with launches, RIBs and fishing boats. Rallies and social events are organised throughout the year.

Racing Section

The racing section is led by the Captain of Racing. All sailors are very welcome to join in the racing but must first sign an Annual Indemnity Form obtainable from the office or Race Box at east end of the Club. A Programme and Sailing instructions are produced each year (details on the Clubs website). A chartlet showing race marks and buoyage is available from the Club bar. Many races start from the Club Line in the harbour although in the summer, races are often started from a committee boat outside the harbour. Fast and Slow Handicap racing is led by the Class Captains (see website). In addition, *Scow* and *Wayfarers* currently have their own race series. The Regatta is normally held in August attracting boats from other clubs. A Cadet Regatta is also held for our junior members. BHYC is affiliated to East Wight Combined Clubs (EWCC) that co-ordinates inter-club events (www.ewcc.co.uk) and local regattas. All members are invited to volunteer for race support duties as Race Officer, crew or helm if suitably qualified. For further information contact sailing@bhyc.org.uk.

Training Section

There are many training opportunities at BHYC. The club is a recognised Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Training Centre and has its own Principal. It is also a Volvo Club that supports race training and development. Apart from regular Cadet and Novice training during the summer months, the club has an annual Sail Training Week in late July/early August (details on website). Powerboat Courses are also led by qualified club members and staff. A winter training programme is also organised that may include First Aid, Navigation and VHF courses. For details see website or contact sailing@bhyc.org.uk

Borrowing Club Boats

The Club owns several sailing boats (*Wayfarers, Picos, 420, Toppers, Optimists*) that may be borrowed by club members with appropriate experience for a nominal charge. Boats are only available for use when there is BHYC safety and support cover on the water. Full details, terms and conditions are on the website and in Club foyer notice board.

Contacts

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Principal of Sailing School: Richard Coleman training@bhyc.org.uk

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Captain of Racing: Barry Dyer

Race Results Secretary: John Carter

Duty Roster: John Carter

Class Captains:

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Slow Handicap: Robin Lobb

Wayfarers: Roger Herbert

Scows; Graham Sutton

Cruising Captain: Bryn Davies

Motor Boat: Ron Wilbie

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