



# Sailing at Brading Haven Yacht Club

Welcome to BHYC. We are a Yacht Club in Bembridge Harbour at the eastern end of the Isle of Wight. The following general information about sailing at the Club will help you understand what we offer and, importantly, who to contact should you require any further help. Love sailing – love BHYC.

Polly Schafer  
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 us.

## Launching & Berthing

The Club offshore team is responsible for maintaining the Club moorings. Further information about the allocation is available on the website or from the office. There are 3 pontoons at the Club. At the western end a slipway enables launching on most neap tides and from about 2 hours after Low Water on springs. Members may use the western deep-water pontoon for **short-stay only (max 22Hrs)** for example for loading/unloading; please inform the office of your intentions. Berthed on the eastern side of this pontoon are the Club's safety and support boats. Visitors may moor their dinghies on the outermost marked end of this pontoon when visiting the Club. Members are also asked to keep this pontoon area clear during race times (see programme). Fast-Handicap dinghies are mostly kept at the western end of the Dinghy Park and Slow Handicap at the eastern end; there is also an apron for *Scows* at the front. Members' tenders are put on the water inside the eastern pontoon for the summer months and in the stowage racks (or taken home) during winter. Please contact the Club's Dinghy Park Master for further information (see contacts). Fresh water is available for hosing down boats – but please use sparingly. A winch is available for recovering craft from the slipways. Changing rooms and shower facilities have recently been upgraded and are located at the western 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 items and keep the room tidy.** There is a number lock on the door to store, please see the office for the code.

## Cruising Section

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

## Racing

A Programme of Racing and Sailing Instructions are produced each year (details on the Club's website) ([http://www.bhyc.org.uk/Sailing\\_Programme.pdf](http://www.bhyc.org.uk/Sailing_Programme.pdf)) . All sailors are very welcome to join in the racing but must first sign an Annual Indemnity Form obtainable from the office. A chartlet showing race marks and buoyage is available from the Club bar. Those wishing to race must report to the Race Officer in the Sailing Centre at least 30 minutes prior to the race start, and 'Sign-On'. It is also important to 'Sign-Off' immediately when you return to the Club. Many races start in the harbour from the Club Line, between the Sailing Centre and an outer black and white post on the old sea wall. However in the summer races are often started from a committee boat outside the harbour. Racing mainly takes places in two classes, a Fast and Slow handicap, in addition, *Scows* and *Wayfarers* currently have their own race series within these races. The BHYC Regatta is normally held in August, attracting boats from other clubs; a Cadet Regatta is held for our junior members. Please see the Sailing programme for more details. BHYC is affiliated to East Wight Combined Clubs (EWCC) that co-ordinates inter-club events ([www.ewcc.co.uk](http://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 [dutyman@bhyc.org.uk](mailto:dutyman@bhyc.org.uk)

## Training

There are many training opportunities at BHYC. The Club is a recognised Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Training Centre led by our Principal and Chief Instructor. 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. In addition a winter training programme that may include First Aid, Navigation and VHF courses is organised. The training section can give you further information on the courses available ([training@bhyc.org.uk](mailto:training@bhyc.org.uk)). The Club takes seriously the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Please contact the Office if you have any concerns ([office@bhyc.org.uk](mailto:office@bhyc.org.uk) ). For details see website.

## Borrowing Club Boats

The Club owns several sailing boats (*RS Quest, Scow, Swan, Wayfarer, Picos, 420's, Feva, Hartley 10's and Optimists*) that may be borrowed, by Club members for a nominal charge. Importantly, these boats are only available for use when there is BHYC safety and support cover on the water i.e. when there are organised Club activities such as racing or training. Full details, terms and conditions are on the website and in Club foyer notice board.

## Contacts

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