

Membership fees & Subscriptions 2015

(For more detail on these and other categories see Club Rules)

| | <i>Entrance Fee</i> | <i>Annual Subscription</i> |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ordinary | £50 | £6* |
| Family (1) | £70 | £9* |
| Junior (2) | nil | £2* |
| Student (3) | nil | £5* |

Also: temporary visitors £15 per week

1: two partners, and children up to 10 years

2: young people 11 – 17

3: 18 – 25 and in full time education

* As the Club is registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club, our subscriptions are set very low, to cover the most basic running costs of the Club, but we ask members to top up their payment with a voluntary donation

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Interested in joining?

Come to meet us to learn more about our facilities and activities. To talk with committee members and others you could drop in at the weekend or join a Tuesday coffee gathering at 10.30 a.m. Alternatively, leave a message at the Clubhouse or e-mail the Membership Recorder or the Club Secretary (see contacts earlier) giving your name and contact details.

There is no waiting list for membership. When you are ready to apply:

- * study the Club rules and obtain the application form (both are available from the Clubhouse or website);
- * obtain a proposer and a seconder from Club members;
- * return the completed and signed application *by post* to the Club Secretary (address is on the form).
- * If you do not already know Members to propose and second your application, we will arrange for you to meet with members of the Committee instead

You should not enclose fees with your application. Your application will be considered by the Committee.



HURST CASTLE SAILING CLUB

Hurst Castle Sailing Club is a small but lively and friendly club where the emphasis is on enjoyment rather than competition.

It is found at Keyhaven, a tranquil hamlet a few miles west of Lymington in a scenic position at the head of a small estuary facing the Isle of Wight. There is a large public car-park adjacent to the Clubhouse.

We give a warm welcome to people of all ages, with a range of boating interests and levels of experience. We are very much a family-oriented Club, almost entirely run on a mutual-help basis.

Our new Clubhouse, completed in 2013, offers modern changing facilities and a well-equipped galley. It enjoys splendid views out across the creeks to the Solent



Where we sail

Sailing conditions are ideal for beginners in Keyhaven River, as Hurst Spit provides shelter from the waves and wind. The lagoon on the landward side of Hurst Castle is a good place to beach a dinghy for a picnic.

More experienced sailors find the harbours of Lymington and Yarmouth within easy reach. With the right tides a variety of creeks and beaches on both sides of the Solent can be attained.

Cruiser sailors can day-sail further east up the Solent or west towards Christchurch and Poole

What we sail

The Club caters for both dinghy and yacht sailors. The most common dinghy sailed is the Scow, with over forty boats. There are also a number of Mirrors, Gulls, Enterprises, Wayfarers, Skippers, Wanderers, Lasers, Toppers and others.

For those who do not (yet) own their own boats, the Club has several dinghies which are available to members for a nominal fee. These include an Optimist and Blue Peter for junior sailors.

We have over forty cruising members with boats ranging from 18 to 45 feet. The moorings in the creeks are administered by the District Council. Cruising is generally a very sociable occupation!



Regular activities

The Club has a full summer sailing programme each year, with something during most weeks and at week-ends for the racing, cruising or 'pottering' sailor.

Racing

Racing is run on Saturdays and Wednesdays through the summer, generally coinciding with High Water in the middle of the day. Races are run using Portsmouth Yardstick Handicaps, so any dinghy can take part.

The racing is open to all members but, particularly at the weekend, the courses are set to suit the ability of the youngest and/or least able competitors, specifically to encourage participation by junior members.

The Club's Annual Regatta provides a range of events for dinghies.



Pottering

This dinghy sailing programme runs from early April to the end of October. The 'potterers' activities aim to enable people to enjoy sailing *in company*, especially those not confident to venture alone around the Solent.

Cruising

Cruises are organised through the season, as far as Weymouth and as near as Yarmouth. Where possible, non-cruising members are encouraged to join the evening social events by road (or ferry, as appropriate)

Training

The Club runs a programme of training, delivered by RYA-qualified instructors for both adults (beginners and improvers) and junior members

The Dinghy Park

The Club has space for over 100 dinghies and tenders, and racks for smaller craft. Some space will be provided during summer for visitors' holidays. In winter, both dinghies and larger boats are stored. Further space is available in a nearby boatyard.



Social events

Open air BBQs and informal dances/discos, etc., are held through the summer months, and indoor suppers are arranged to launch and close the sailing season.

Coffee mornings occur at the Club on Tuesday mornings all year, providing a social meeting place, with scope for arranging impromptu sailing and finding crews.

Talks, walks, etc, are organised from time to time during the colder months. The Club has a kitchen but no bar.

