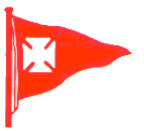


# Hampton Pier Yacht Club

## INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS



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## Welcome to HPYC

### Welcome and Support for new members

Our aim is to be a friendly, family-focused sailing club where everyone feels welcome. We want all members to enjoy getting on the water safely and to feel confident about taking part in club life.

We understand that joining a new club can feel a bit daunting, so we've put a simple support system in place to help you get started and make the most of your membership.

***“We act to be Inclusive rather than Competitive”***

### Buddy System

All new members are introduced to a Buddy, who will be your main point of contact in the early days. They'll check in regularly, keep you updated on events, and are always happy to answer questions—no matter how small.

Buddies will also help explain the sailing programme and encourage you to get involved in a wide range of activities, not just those labelled as training.

Where possible, your Buddy will be there to greet you when you first attend events. If they can't make it, they'll arrange for another member or an instructor to look out for you, so there's always someone you can turn to.

### Getting Involved

Your Buddy will support you in completing the initial induction steps and encourage you to take part in training and club activities at your own pace.

On-the-water training is provided by our qualified instructors, so there's no expectation for Buddies to sail with you.

We're always keen to welcome volunteers—including experienced sailors—to help support new members and club activities.

### Club Life

- Run by volunteer committees (GMC & Sailing)
- Annual meetings in spring and autumn
- New volunteers always welcome—no experience needed

### Looking After Each Other

Please help keep the club friendly and safe:

- Treat everyone with **respect**
- Follow club policies <https://www.hpyc.org.uk/the-club/documents>
- **Dogs welcome**—on leads, controlled, and kept away from food areas

### Useful Contacts

Membership Secretary [membership@hpyc.org.uk](mailto:membership@hpyc.org.uk)

Club Secretary [secretary@hpyc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@hpyc.org.uk)



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## Our Facilities

### Clubhouse

Members get a key for access to the ground-floor area, including changing rooms and showers. You will also be given the push-code for the main entrance door. **As a member, you have access to downstairs 24/7.**

### Galley

The galley is usually open before and after sailing activities. You'll often find homemade cakes, snacks, and a selection of hot and cold drinks.

Donations (with an ingredients list) are always welcome.

We also rely on volunteers to help run the galley during sailing days and events

### Bar

Our bar opens for social and sailing events,

Members are welcome to bring guests—just please sign them in at the bar.

We're always happy to have volunteers help out behind the bar, with full training provided.

**The club is also available to members for private hire at £10/hour, with bar access included** (bringing your own drinks isn't permitted).

### Changing Rooms

Changing rooms with toilet and shower facilities are available at all times with access to drinking water

### Sail Locker

If you'd like to store sails or other equipment, you can rent space in the sail locker.

Please make sure all items are clearly labelled so they can be easily identified.

Keys are kept in the combination safe next to the race board in the entrance lobby. If you need the code, just ask any GMC member.

### Boat Parking

Boats can be stored either in the beach park or on the grass bank behind the clubhouse.

The beach park has a higher fee and is generally used for larger, heavier boats. As space there is limited, boats that aren't used regularly may be moved to the grass bank.

If your boat is stored on the bank, please keep the grass around your space trimmed. We also recommend asking another member for help when moving your boat, especially when pulling it up the bank.

### Club Sailing Dinghies & Training Aids

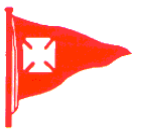
We have a range of dinghies available for members to use during training and to hire on race days. They're well maintained and suitable for a variety of skills and experience levels.

Currently available

- Toppers (x5): Small single-handed boats, great for children, beginners, or adults sailing with a child.
- Training Simulator: A shore-based Topper that rotates 360°, helping sailors practise sail positions, tacking, and gybing safely—ideal for children and beginners.
- RS Quba (x3): Medium-sized boats for one or two sailors; perfect for training or taking children afloat.
- Fusion Plus (x1): Similar to the Quba but a newer design.
- RS Vision (x2): Larger, more powerful boats for two people, with space for up to four.

All equipment is stored in the Balcony Store to keep it separate from personal gear in the Sail Locker. As space is limited, please help by keeping it tidy and returning everything to its proper place.

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Club dinghies are used for general sailing and training. If you'd like to use one on a race day, please speak to the Race Officer—there's a small hire fee to cover wear and insurance.

## Dogs in the Club House 🐕

- Well-behaved dogs on a lead are welcome
- Dogs to be kept away from food preparation areas
- Wet dogs should be kept out of the bar area
- The Club may refuse entry to any dog if needed

## How the club runs

HPYC runs on member involvement.

You don't need sailing experience - just enthusiasm and a little spare time.

Ways to help:

- Galley support
- Bar support
- Events
- Safety boat crew (training provided)
- General club tasks

We have two committees to keep everything shipshape

- General Management Committee (GMC) oversees day-to-day running of the club
- Sailing Committee manages all sailing, training and racing

## GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (GMC) meet the crew

Commodore - Richard Myers: Leads the club and chairs meetings.

Vice Commodore - Mike Sinden: Responsible for the estate and premises.

Rear Commodore - Karen Jenkins: Manages Sailing duties and sustainability

Honorary Bosun - David Farmer: Boat and equipment maintenance

Honorary Secretary - Ian Morgan: Manages meetings and correspondence.

Honorary Treasurer - Katrina Jordan: Manages club finances.

Honorary Sailing Secretary - Steve Margetts: Oversees sailing, training, racing and the Sailing Committee.

Honorary Membership Secretary - Malcolm Allsopp- Manages membership records and fees.

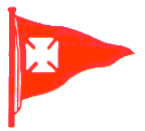
Additional Officers and responsibilities

Bar Manager - David Hopkins

Galley and general support Gavin Wilson, Rick Tolfrey

Welfare & Safeguarding - Adrian Metcalf

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## **Welfare, Safeguarding & Conduct**

Everyone at HPYC is expected to:

- Treat others with respect
- Behave fairly and responsibly
- Help create a positive, enjoyable environment

Aggressive or disrespectful behaviour is not acceptable\*

To view our full safeguarding and welfare policies visit [www.hpyc.org.uk/the-clubdocuments](http://www.hpyc.org.uk/the-clubdocuments)

## **Our Sailing Programme Explained**

### **Sailing Programme & Start Times**

Full sailing calendar available <https://sailing.myclub.run/clubs/hpyc/calendars/hpyc2026>

### **Racing**

Series Racing: We run six series each year (Spring, Summer, Dog House, Autumn, Evening and Twilight). Some results are discarded to keep things fair.

Cup Racing: One-off events or race days for club trophies—great if you can't commit to a full series.

### ***Notable events include:***

St George's Cup: A friendly annual competition with Herne Bay SC—let's try to win it back!

Ganges Bowl: A historic and much-valued club trophy.

### **Start times**

Aim to arrive at least 1 hour before the race start time.

If racing, you must sign in on the Safety Log at least 45 minutes before the start (a hooter usually sounds as a reminder) and when you return on shore.

If you are on duty (safety boat or race team), please arrive at least 90 minutes before the start.

For full sailing/racing instructions visit <https://www.hpyc.org.uk/sailors/racing>

### **Sailing skills**

Weekend sailing skills sessions are listed in the programme, with additional evening sessions sometimes available (e.g. radio use, race management, rules, winch operation).

These sessions offer a relaxed chance to get on the water with safety cover provided. It's a great opportunity to practise and build confidence, with instructors often on hand to help.

Even if you're not sailing, help with launching and recovery is always appreciated.

### **Cruises**

These are relaxed, social sailing events. Routes are chosen on the day depending on conditions, typically involving a coastal sail, a break ashore, and a return trip.

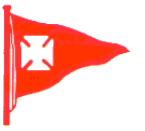


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## My HPYC member check list

TOPIC	DATE COMPLETED	GMC/Buddy Sign off
Guided tour of club house, HPYC estate		
Briefing on Social and Sailing programmes		
Application form completed/ subscription paid		
Door Code/ Key Issued		
Existing sailing / powerboat qualifications recorded		
Joined HPYC WhatsApp Training, Support & Social group		
HPYC buddy identified, contact details given		
Introductory Briefing on the 'MyClub dot Run' system		
MyClub login and password		
<b>Read overview of sailing duties and roles:</b>  Race Officer  Assistant Race Officer  Safety Boat Helm,  Safety Boat crew		
<b>Practical Skills:</b>  VHF Radio  Winch training  Assistant Race Officer,  Safety Boat Helm (PB2 qualified)  Safety boat Crew		

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**My Notes**