

CHANNEL SAILING CLUB



You want to gain sailing experience?

Helping you to do this is one of our main aims.

You have a boat but lack crew?

We have experienced members who are able to sail with you.

You have no boat?

We invite members to sail on club members boats in races and rallies.

You can afford it!

Boat owning is not cheap, but we offer an affordable introduction to sailing for non-boat owners.

We are a Surrey based sailing club and welcome new members to our club house in Epsom.



The Club

Channel Sailing Club is over thirty years old and was founded by lecturers and pupils of local RYA Navigation adult education classes. The remit of the club is to provide experience at sea and to help provide a meeting point for people who enjoy sailing. Many of our members have completed RYA Coastal Skipper and RYA Yachtmaster shore-based & practical courses.

Membership is open to all those interested in sailing and navigation. Membership forms can be found on our website – www.channelsailingclub.org – which also covers comprehensively what we do and lists our current sailing and social programmes, as does our magazine 'Wavelength'. The website will also give you a broader idea of our unique facilities but there's nothing like getting stuck in so, come down and visit us and you'll see for yourself why we're so successful!



You'll find us afloat come rain or shine!

What we do ...on the water

Our sailing activities centre along the south coast, principally in the Solent. These include:

- Social rallies, typically 'home waters' events that often include a barbecue or club dinners.
- Experience weekends that involve a structured activity such as first aid afloat, practising 'blind' navigation, night sailing and sail trimming practice.
- A racing programme which is run under a handicap system, and we also help members to participate in non-club events such as the Round the Island Race.
- We organise cruises of 4 and 5 days duration and a Spring Cruise and Late Summer Cruise of 9 or 10 days. Our sailing grounds for cruises include the south coast, the French coast and the Channel Islands.



We have an RYA award-winning newsletter



Family oriented events include a barbecue cruise and treasure-hunt!

Full membership of the Club is available to anyone over 18 who has completed or is undertaking an approved navigation course (typically as a minimum the RYA Day Skipper Theory course).

Associate Membership is offered to persons who support the objectives of the Club but who are not eligible for full membership.

New members are offered the guidance of an experienced member who will be able to explain about the Club, answer any questions, and make introductions to other members.



Club nights always achieve a big turn-out

...and on dry land too!

Our social activities generally take place in the clubhouse where we have weekly meetings every Tuesday. We relax, chat and enjoy a drink. Rally and Cruise briefings also take place on Tuesdays. We also run a number of special evenings including quiz nights, wine tastings, curry nights and one-pot evenings where members are invited to bring along their favourite one-pot boat meal for others to try, these can be quite competitive!



Close action during a club race.

Learning is a key part of all our activities and we have a programme of lectures on wide-ranging nautical subjects and also run RYA recognised and other practical courses to help promote safety and confidence at sea. The Club actively encourages members to become qualified in both theoretical and practical sailing skills, the main qualifications being those from the RYA.

The Club has its own instructors for courses including RYA Day Skipper and Yachtmaster Theory, Diesel Engine, Short Range Certificate (VHF) and CEVNI. Other courses are arranged for First Aid, Radar and Sea Survival.



An RYA certified diesel course.

Objectives...

- 📍 To bring together people who are interested in sailing, especially those who live in and around Surrey who can meet locally and find others with similar interests.
- 📍 To arrange recreational sailing activities, bringing together boat owners and crews, to help both groups achieve more than they could alone.
- 📍 To encourage those who would like to expand their nautical education or practical training and thus to help them get more from sailing and to enjoy it in an informed and safe way.
- 📍 Keep costs as affordable as sailing can reasonably be.



**Come and meet us –
then JOIN US!**

Club night is Tuesday.
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