

Dinghy Sailing

Portchester Sailing Club is the premier dinghy racing club in Portsmouth Harbour and is perfectly placed to utilise the full harbour waters, for both racing and day trippers. The sheltered slipway aids launching and boat recovery, and the protected nature of in-harbour sailing provides the perfect location for sailors of all standards to race and train, in all manner of conditions.

At Portchester, we race between the months of April and October. The harbour is tidal and so we tailor our sailing around the best conditions, whilst ensuring a varied and challenging race program for all. The secure Dinghy Park is available throughout the racing season and all racing is managed with Race Officers and rescue craft.

Weekend racing is organised around high tides and, throughout the season we provide a handicap Saturday schedule, alongside trophy racing on selected Sundays and Bank Holidays. Weekend sailing is further enhanced with Regatta weekends, windward / leeward short courses, pursuit racing and combined dinghy/cruiser events, all supported by an active social section.

During the week and throughout the season a well supported Wednesday and Friday program provides Fast and Slow handicap racing. A junior series runs through the season alongside senior racing.

Working closely with the club's training section, we endeavour to provide safe, fun, dinghy sailing for all skill levels and ages, and we welcome like-minded sailors of all levels to join us for another great season's sailing.

We are not prescriptive in class of dinghy. However, we do offer some excellent racing within some of our growing fleets. These include Topper, Solo, RS400 and Lasers, all competing alongside Fireball, OK, RS200, RS600, Visions, Fevas and many more.

Some members choose just to potter and explore the sheltered waters of the harbour, whilst those with more ambition attend club rallies and race.

Cruising (Sail & Power)

At Portchester Sailing Club we have a very active group of cruiser sailors. The club offers deep-water and half-tide moorings and availability is usually good. Naturally, the most sheltered and closest moorings are more popular and have a waiting list.

Shore-side facilities include hard-standing for cruisers between October and April, a derrick for stepping and un-stepping masts and a pontoon; accessible for around 2 hours either side of high water.

Cruisers from Portchester, whether sailing or power boating, enjoy an active season of rallies around the Solent, whilst some of our members have sailed to all corners of the globe. Cruisers-in-company are a good way to expand your horizons and these are organised regularly.

On the racing side, Club races are held throughout the season and members compete in the annual Interclub series, which combines a good social weekend with a bit of friendly racing.



Angling

The club has an Angling section that organises competitions throughout the year, with events on the shoreline and afloat. The club is a recognised member of the Club Mark scheme which provides the opportunity to develop new coaches to both Level 1 and Level 2. We also provide opportunities for all anglers in the club to take part in learning events and add to their experience and knowledge of safe and effective angling. This can be as simple as new rigs and bait selection, through to mark finding and some of the more involved casting and rig deployment.

Training

The Club is a recognised RYA Training Centre, a Volvo Champion Club and a recognised RYA On-board Centre, which aims to introduce sailing to the wider community, specifically local school children. We have also gained Club mark status with the Angling Trust. We offer courses for both adults and children with a range of dinghy courses, as well as powerboat and first aid training. In the winter we run RYA theory courses at Day Skipper and Yacht Master levels.

The club owns a range of craft for use by club members for both training and recreational purposes. We welcome volunteers who are able to help with instruction in any capacity. We offer courses for both adults and children members with a range of dinghy courses in addition to powerboat and first aid training.

We are always ready to welcome those who already have Instructor qualifications either to work within the PSC Training Team or for more 'casual' assistance with training.



Social

We are a family club, which promotes an active and varied social programme throughout the year, catering for all ages both afloat and ashore.

The club organises social events such as meals, semi-formal dinners, barbecues, dancing, quiz nights, childrens events and many other activities in support of the sailing activities.

The club and bar opening times are as follows:

Wednesday evening	19:30 – 23:00
Thursday evening	19:30 – 23:00
Friday evening	19:30 – 23:00
Saturday lunchtime	12:00 – 16:00
Sunday lunchtime	12:00 – 17:00

Our Galley opening times are normally as follows:

Friday evening from	20:00 – 21:30
Saturday lunch time	12:30 – 15:00
Sunday lunch time	12:30 – 15:00

Members are able to book their private functions at the club for when it isn't being used.

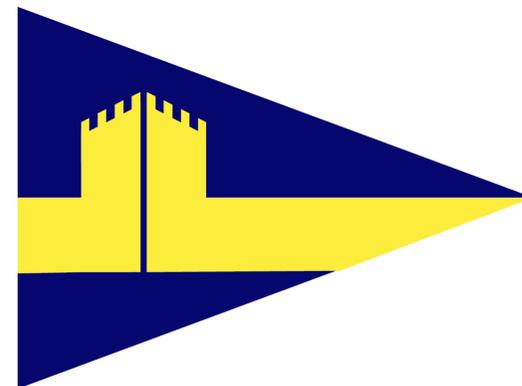


How do I find Portchester Sailing Club?

The club can be accessed from the M27 from the West (Junction 11) or the A27 from the East (M27 junction 12).

Follow the signs to Portchester. Castle street can be found off the main Portchester roundabout in the centre of the village.

Follow Castle Street until you see the Castle, then bear left into Waterside Lane. The Club is located beyond the end of the public car park adjacent to the water.



How do I join Portchester Sailing Club?

To join please contact the membership secretary (membership@portchestersc.org) at the address below and request an application form. This contains all of the details needed for membership.

Or

Log onto the club website and after navigating to 'Club Membership' download an application form and send it to the membership secretary at the address below.

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