



Devensey Bay Sailing Club



Welcome to our club

PBSC's friendly atmosphere is welcoming to sailors of all abilities from the complete novice contemplating getting afloat for the very first time right up to aspiring Olympic hopefuls! We welcome all craft including dinghies, catamarans and windsurfers. Our sailors have ranged from under 5 years old to over 80!

Facilities

Our facilities offer the perfect antidote to a hard session on the water. These include hot showers, a well stocked bar and a fully equipped galley offering everything from a mug of tea to a fulfilling meal.

Behind our club house is a large grassed area on which members regularly camp during the summer months. This always proves a hit with any member who is unfortunate enough to live a long way from the club. It is also useful for people who want to make extensive use of the aforementioned bar.

For the more technically minded, we own four Rigid Inflatable Safety Boats all fitted out with VHF communication with the clubhouse. Anybody concerned about getting their craft up the beach need not worry;-we have four winches situated at the top of the beach to make retrieving your craft simple.

For people who do not yet own their own craft, the club owns a fleet of boats ranging from single handed Toppers and Fevas up to double handed Laser 2000s and RS Visions all for hire at good rates.

For people who already own their own boat, our boat park is available for people to store their dinghy or catamaran. For any windsurfers wishing to store their kit at the club, a container is situated on the beach fitted out with racks specifically for board storage.

New to sailing

Sailing can fulfill a number of our needs, whether it is simply to learn a new skill, escape the hectic world of work or home, find adventure and excitement, tranquility and relaxation, socialize, cruise or compete in racing. It is our mission to nurture everyone's talent and ensure all our members find what they are looking for from the sport. Many of our more experienced members learnt to sail as part of the PBSC Sailing School. Once bitten by the bug, many ventured into the weekends, either free sailing or joining in with racing.

The sailing school is recognised by the Royal Yachting Association and courses follow the RYA syllabus. Adult members can work towards their RYA level 1 and 2 Dinghy certificate and then onto more advanced courses such as 'Start Racing', 'Seamanship' and 'Spinnaker Handling.' The adult learn to sail courses are held on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

Training for our younger 'Cadets' (under 18) is free and our Cadets can work towards their RYA Stage 1 to 4. Sessions are held on Saturday mornings and afternoons and are very popular..

For anybody wishing to expand their sailing CV, PBSC offers courses on driving the Safety Boats including RYA Powerboat level 2 and Safety Boat. The club also supports those wishing to become a Dinghy Instructor, Race Coach and assistant instructor, periodically, courses take place for those wishing to obtain the RYA First Aid qualification.

A typical week at PBSC (April to December)

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Saturday	Cadet Training Free Sailing	Cadet Training Adult Level 1 Free Sailing	Formal planned socials monthly or impromptu BBQ on the balcony overlooking Bexhill and Hastings
Sunday	Racing Free Sailing	Racing Free Sailing	
Bank Holidays	Racing Free Sailing	Racing Free Sailing	
Tuesday			Adult RYA level 1 and 2 dinghy courses and informal windsurfing coaching
Thursday			Improvers training boat handling/racing

Other sailing events



At the end of July we organise our annual sailing camp, where members tow their own and club boats to a campsite adjoining the delightful Chichester Channel. The week includes much challenging sailing, which is different to the open sea experience, such as dodging anchored yachts, conquering strong tides, avoiding grounding, negotiating racing craft etc. However the benefits include cruising to beautiful villages for an ice cream, cream tea or cold pint and sailing as a fleet, socially with friends.

In early August, we have our 'Sea Week' where Monday to Friday is devoted to family orientated sailing, with events taking place from early morning until the sun goes down. We often cruise along the coast to meet up with neighbouring clubs, take part in sailing related games, racing and there are always evening activities to keep the whole family amused. Most people camp over during this week to ensure they get the full benefit from their time. Caterers provide an excellent meal deal offer (breakfast, afternoon tea and evening meal) or you can self-cater.

Racing at PBSC

PBSC run a number of race series and Trophy races spread through the season (including pursuit races), these are mainly handicap races as we have a diverse fleet, however we are now building a good fleet of RS200's, RS400's, Blaze's, Lasers and catamarans.

We also hold at a couple of open meetings each year, these are events where we invite sailors from other clubs to sail with us. These include our annual Martello Race, a 20 mile marathon from the clubhouse to Eastbourne, onto Bexhill and then back again, to the more conventional class racing which can include, Nationals, Europeans and worlds.

As well as members that sail for fun PBSC has also got a good history of members competing and top level, including National, European and World Champions and ISAF and Olympic sailors.

Running of the club

PBSC is owned by, and run by its members. All activities including training, safety boat cover, race management, bar and committees are all run by volunteers, therefore it is an expectation

of membership that everyone does a duty (usually approx. 2 a year). These are fun jobs and support and guidance is given to everyone to help them with this.



Social Events

We organise about 10 social events during the course of the year (whole family welcome) and these can include; disco, karaoke, quiz night, bingo, bar games, live bands, buffet, barbecues and hog roasts. We also hold ad hoc BBQ's when the weather is fine, often conjunction with those members camping on our field, which is well used in the summer.

We also have our formal end of season dinner (Laying up supper) which we hire a formal banqueting venue and live band for, this is a great excuse to dress up and celebrate the years achievements, with trophies being awarded on the night.

Location

Located 1km along a private road, hiding between the Sovereign Harbour and Pevensey Bay nestles a beautiful oasis situated in 1½ acres of land. PBSC's private beach is sheltered from the prevailing south-westerly winds by the Sovereign Harbour. This permits our sailors to get on the water when other sailors along the coast would be seeking shelter.

Want to know more?

Our website www.pbsc.eu expands on all the areas covered in this leaflet, including videos and photos of our activities. An application form can be found on our 'Join our Club' page. If you'd like to discuss further please use the 'Contact us' page to email the membership Secretary Chris Clarke or any other member of the committee. Alternatively please drop by any weekend and we'll be happy to show you around.

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