

HERTFORD COUNTY YACHT CLUB

Marsh Lane, Stanstead Abbots, Herts. SG12 8HL
Website: www.hcyc.co.uk **E-mail:** info@hcyc.co.uk

Hertford County Yacht Club is a popular, friendly club, offering something for every member of the family from the casual sailor to the serious racing enthusiast, with the emphasis always on enjoyment. We have good facilities for non-sailing members of the family, including heated clubhouse with comfortable seating, TV and self catering facilities, covered patio, fenced-off adventure play area with sand pit for the children, spacious grassed areas with picnic tables and swings.

Sailing is on an attractive 25 acre lake in the village of Stanstead Abbots, near Ware, Herts, just north of the A414 bypass, through the village on the main road turn right after the Zebra crossing (not pelican crossing in the High St) into Marsh lane, straight down onto the gravel road past the gate under the Lea Valley Park sign.

Sailing is allowed at any time and members are allowed to sail almost any kind of dinghy, so long as it is safe and insured, although there is a limitation on the number of dinghies exceeding 15 feet overall. Multihulls, sailboards and motor craft are not permitted.

FACILITIES at the club include a large dinghy park, elevated race hut, two concrete slipways, plenty of moorings, picnic area, covered patio, children's play area, heated clubhouse, toilets, changing rooms with showers, car parking, patrol boats and of course 25 acres of sailing water. Members are expected to attend at least 1 workday during the year to maintain the facilities.

FLEET & HANDICAP RACING takes place on Sundays throughout the season, Bank Holidays and some Saturdays. The racing, although taken seriously by the participants is friendly and traditionally followed by refreshments and a chat in the clubhouse, beginners are very welcome to join in.

CASUAL SAILING is encouraged at any time except on Sunday mornings when fleet and handicap races are being held. A patrol boat service, operated by members, is normally provided throughout the season on Saturdays and Sundays, whether or not any races or other events are taking place. (Except during the winter months when cover is only available during morning racing on Sundays).

FAMILY RACING is usually organised for members on Sunday afternoons. These races are designed to encourage the sailor with little or no racing experience. The atmosphere is extremely relaxed and friendly and you do not need a detailed knowledge of the racing rules to start.

JUNIORS take an active part with the adults in the general racing programme. The club has 6 Toppers, 6 Optimists and a Laser available for their free use in casual sailing all they need do is complete the log book in the clubhouse.

TRAINING courses are run at the club by members who are qualified instructors to RYA certificate standards. The club is an RYA approved training establishment.

NEWSLETTERS with views, news, announcements and articles are posted to members regularly during the year.

SOCIAL EVENTS are arranged throughout the year and include BBQ's, Fireworks display, Fish & Chips suppers.

SPECIAL SAILING DAYS include organised outings to various coastal and inland sailing venues including Rutland and South Devon. Fun Day comprises a mix of shore based and water based events including collecting plastic ducks and raft racing.

HOW LITTLE DOES IT COST ?

Membership subscriptions are currently:

- | | |
|---|-------------|
| 1) Family – (Grand)Parents with children under 18 or in full time education
(including a dinghy park space for the first year) | £140 |
| 2) Individual - aged 18 or over (including a dinghy park space for the first year) | £135 |
| 3) Non sailing - (No dinghy park space is allowed) | £50 |

THERE IS NO ENTRANCE FEE

A £33 DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS IS OFFERED.

This means the second years subscription due 1st January, if paid on time is:

£85 Family
£80 Individual
£25 Non Sailing

plus space(s) in the club dinghy park, each costs £22 per year and on the rack is £11.

HOW DO I JOIN ?

Visit the club and meet some Committee members (Sunday mornings between 12 - 1.30 pm are best they can introduce themselves and other members to you.

Complete the attached application forms, duly signed by Committee members, leave them the forms and the appropriate payment.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AS A MEMBER.

HERTFORD COUNTY YACHT CLUB

Membership Application (ref 1.12.08)

Please complete these forms in BLOCK Capitals and hand it to a Committee member with your payment.

Full Name

Address

Post Code

E-Mail:

Telephone No

Your telephone number/email will automatically appear in the club literature to assist members re-arranging duties. If you do not wish it to be included please tick here

Class of membership required : (tick)

Family (Partner & children/Grand children under 18 or in full time education)

Individual aged 18 or over **Non-sailing** (Not permitted to have a dinghy park space)

If your application is for family membership please give the names of the other members of your family that are to be included.

Spouse/Partner's Name

Child's Name

Date of birth

Child's Name

Date of birth

Please give the names of any other sailing clubs of which you have been a member of in the past year.

It is expected that at least 1 workday is attended each year to help maintain and improve club facilities. Members are required by the club rules to complete a duty each year, either race officer, his assistant, patrol boat or catering (Training is provided and in respect of patrol boat may be compulsory).

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCES BY INSERTING YOUR NAME(S) IN THE APPROPRIATE BOXES.

YOU MUST ALSO COMPLETE THE ATTACHED SELF ASSESSMENT FORM

Members are required to do 2 Race Officer duties or 1 patrol Boat duty each year.

Would your (non sailing) partner carry out a duty on the same day ?. Indicate their name in the appropriate box.

Race Officer	Assistant Race Off	Patrol Boat	Patrol Boat	Catering
Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday

Members Name:

Tel:

e-mail address.....

Mobile:.....

P.T.O.

Please give your occupation or details of any skills you have that could be of help to the club.

.....
Are you a member of the RYA? Yes/No

Details of your boat(s) :

Class Sail No.....

.....
I understand that if I store or use my boat at the club it must be insured against third party claims up to £2,000,000. **(Household policies will not usually provide the cover required)**

My boat(s) is/are insured with:
(Name of Insurance company)

Premium renewal date(s)

Where/How did you hear about us

I enclose my payment (Cheques payable to HCYC) for: £

Parents & Guardians have sole responsibility for their children and wards and must exercise supervision and control at all times, the club does not accept any responsibility.

I confirm I have read the above and if elected I agree to abide by the club rules.

Applicant signature Date

Either the proposer or seconder must be a committee member.

My proposer is: Signature

My seconder is: Signature

Do you have any RYA qualifications? Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Power Boat Other

The club is an RYA training establishment, would you like training in any of the following?

Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Rescue boat Race officer

Will you help other members as part of a team to:

Maintain the dinghy park?yes/no
Repair the jetties?yes/no
Organize social events yes/no
Run the Cadet club yes/no

SELF ASSESSMENT DUTY FORM

To be completed by all members

(Ref:word Doc/Patrol Boat self Assessment (1))

To assist with the allocation of Patrol boat crews we have developed this simple self assessment form which hopefully will establish everyones skill levels.

With the careful allocation of crews where less experienced people can be paired with more accomplished helms, knowledge and skills can be improved. Husband, wife and family members should fill out one column each.

Person a.) Name (print) _____ signed: _____ Date: _____

Person b.) Name (print) _____ signed: _____ Date: _____

Person c.) Name (print) _____ signed: _____ Date: _____

Person d.) Name (print) _____ signed: _____ Date: _____

1. How many hours of powerboat handling have you had?

Person: a) b) c) d)

2. Skill Level

(Tick one of the following, which is closest at describing your skill level.)

Ques. No.	Question	Person			
		a	b	c	d
1.	I have had no experience of safety or powerboats but I would like training.				
2.	I have had limited experience of power boats and I would not feel confident in an emergency without a more experienced partner on board.				
4.	I hold the relevant RYA qualification but as I have only used the safety boat once a year I wouldn't feel confident in all situations.				
5.	I hold the relevant RYA qualification and as I have had more experience then once a year I feel confident in most situations.				
6.	I have had extensive experience handing powerboats and I can carry out all the duties of a safety boat helm safely in a seamanship manner.				

3. Qualifications

(Please tick)

	Other qualifications	a	b	c	d
1.	Competent person first aid certificate.				
2.	Full first aid certificate.				
3.	Qualified Lifeguard				
4.	RYA level 3 – Club Rescue Coxswain				
5.	RYA level 4 – Fleet Rescue Endorsement				