

# New Members Information

Welcome to CVLSC. We hope that you'll enjoy sailing at this wonderful lake, and being part of our sailing club. The following are some points of information that you might find helpful. More detailed information can be found in the Club Documents available on our website: <https://www.chewvalleysailing.org.uk/members/club-documents/>

## Signing in

As you drive down the long driveway and approach the club premises, you will come to an internal gate with a small wooden hut on the right. You might not even have noticed this gate as the Duty Officer will already have opened it. In the window of the wooden hut will be a signing in sheet, where you need to write your name and membership number.

## Sailing days and times

You are generally very welcome to sail at any of the following times (weather permitting):

- Saturday & Sunday: 10am - 1hr before sunset (or 6pm at discretion of Duty Officer)
- Saturday & Sunday during winter: 10am - 1/2 hr before sunset
- Wednesday: 10am - 2pm
- Wednesday evenings: general sailing is permitted at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- Thursday evening: "Improver evenings" generally run from mid-May - mid-July (see calendar).
- Bank holidays: General sailing is often permitted on bank holidays (see calendar)

When the club is open for sailing, the club burgee will be flying from the flagpole outside the clubhouse.

## Some general points about safety

Buoyancy aids **MUST** be worn.

Wetsuits/Drysuits must be worn when either the water temperature is 10 deg. or below, or the air temperature or wind chill is 8 deg. or below.

Be particularly careful if the wind is from the west. It can look very calm from the shore, but out on the lake there can be strong gusts from different directions, making for challenging sailing conditions.

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## General sailing during races

The vast majority of times you are very welcome to sail whilst races are happening, providing you keep out of the way of the race, particularly the buoys. Unless otherwise stated on the calendar, general sailing during Open Meetings is at the discretion of the race officer.

## Junior sailing

Our junior sailing, Chew Crew, operates on Sunday mornings from spring till autumn, and caters for all abilities, from complete beginners through to competent racers. As well as this, there are many more opportunities for juniors (depending on ability) including: youth double-handers, race training, taking part in the general club racing, etc.

## Boat Hire

The club has a number of boats available for members to hire. These are available for 2 hours at a time on a first-come-first-served basis, through the Officer of the Day. A small fee is charged:

Wayfarers, Visions, Fevas, Teras: £10 per 2hr slot; Toppers: £5 per 2hr slot;  
Optibats: free

## Racing

Club racing happens on Sundays throughout the year, and Wednesday evenings spring till late summer. See the club calendar for details of times, series, events, etc. The Sunday fleets include a Flying Fifteen fleet, a general handicap fleet, a Laser fleet, a Solo fleet, and a Topper/Feva/etc fleet.

## Ladies Lake & Cake

Approximately once a month from spring - autumn, a number of the ladies get together for an afternoon sail, with tea/coffee & cake afterwards. All ladies are warmly invited to come along.

## Training

RYA training is available for both dinghy sailing and powerboat. See the club website:

<http://www.chewvalleysailing.org.uk/training/rya-training>

## Guests

Guests of members are very welcome. A small charge is made for sailing guests: £5 per person plus an additional £5 per guest's boat. No charge is made for non-sailing guests.

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## Children on site

All children and young people aged 15 and under must be either accompanied by a parent/guardian, or be left in the care of an adult member who has accepted responsibility for them.

## Duties

As we are a members club, we rely on each other doing duties to make it work. Doing your first duty is not nearly as daunting as it might sound; you won't be alone (generally there are 5 people on duty at any one time), and there is a helpful duties booklet on the website:

<https://www.chewvalleysailing.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/documents/CVLSC-Duties-Book.pdf>

Feel free to pop down to the club on a weekend leading up to your duty and talk to the OODs doing their duty, who will be more than happy to talk you through it.

Our electronic Dutyman system will send you automatic notification and reminders of your duty, with a link to follow to confirm your duty or to arrange a duty swap. It is important that you confirm or swap your duty in plenty of time.

## Contacts

If you have any questions, concerns, would like to link up with others to sail with, etc, please feel free to contact:

New Members: Caroline Hughes, [newmemb@chewvalleysailing.org.uk](mailto:newmemb@chewvalleysailing.org.uk)

A full list of contacts is given on the website:

<http://www.chewvalleysailing.org.uk/contacts>