



CHEW VALLEY LAKE SAILING CLUB

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/>

Outer gate

When arriving at the outer gate on Walley Court Road you are likely to find the gate is locked. This gate should be kept locked (unless the padlock has been taken off). So you may want to think about ordering a gate key. The refundable deposit for a key is £50 and it is ordered through your WebCollect account.

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 have noticed this gate as the Duty Officer will already have opened it. In the window of the wooden hut there is a signing-in sheet where you need to write your name and membership number. If you are a family / couple please include the number of people.

Dogs are not permitted on site.

Sailing days and times (see calendar)

When the club is open for sailing (i.e., safety cover is available) the club burgee will be flying from the flagpole. You can generally sail at the following times, weather permitting and adequate safety cover:

- Saturday & Sunday
 - Summer (mid March to Sept): 10am – 1hr before sunset (or 6pm at discretion of Duty Officer)
 - Winter (mid Sept to March): 10am - ½ hr before sunset
- Wednesday daytime: 10am - 4pm.
- Wednesday evenings (Apr-Aug): Wednesday Evening Points. General sailing is permitted at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- Thursdays: 'Start racing' and 'Improvers' evenings May to July. 'Fun Thursday' afternoons July & August (see club calendar for dates)
- Bank holidays: general sailing is often permitted on bank holidays.

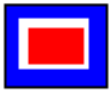
Boat fees and spaces

If you have your own boat don't forget you need to pay an annual boat registration fee to sail on the lake. The fee is payable whether your boat is berthed at the club, or not. Please attach the boat sticker clearly to the transom of your boat as soon as you receive it.

Subject to availability individual memberships may be allocated a single space in the dinghy park and family memberships two spaces. Before bringing your boat to the club please contact the boat park manager (boatpark@chewvalleysailing.org.uk) who can allocate you an available space. Ensure that your boat is securely tied down and if you have road trailer keep it under your boat (we have no spare capacity for trailer storage).

Some general points about safety

Buoyancy aids MUST be worn. Wetsuits/Drysuits must be worn by sailors and rescue helms & crews when the water temperature is 10°C or below, or the air temperature or wind chill is 8°C or below – the blue & red Flag W (below) will be hoisted.



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

Please take care on the slipways when launching / recovering boats as they can be very slippery.

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. It is rarely cancelled and only if conditions dictate - for example, if safety is compromised.

Chew Crew and Youth sailing

Our Chew Crew youth sailing programme and RYA youth courses (stages 1-4) operate on Sunday mornings from May to July and cater for all abilities from complete beginners 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 (see appendix 12 of the Duties booklet)

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

- Quests, Fevas, Teras, Picos: £20 per 2hr slot (Quests may be unavailable during RYA Level 1 & 2 courses)
- Toppers - £ free to club members aged 16 and under. £10 per 2hr slot for over 16's / adults
- Optibats - £ free to club members aged 16 and under.

Boat Insurance (please read Club Bye Law 6. Insurance of boats)

If you have your own boat(s) you are required to hold adequate insurance, and in particular (each boat) must hold insurance against third party claims to the sum of at least £2,000,000. We suggest you insure your boat(s) through a specialist marine broker to ensure it meets the requirements of the club rule, rather than using a generalist broker.

Racing

Club racing happens on Sundays throughout the year, and on Wednesday evenings from spring to 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.

Social sailing and Informal training - see club calendar for dates:

- **Lake & Cake** - once a month from spring to 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.
- **Lunch on the Lake** – once a month from April to October and is aimed at those wanting to get into dinghy cruising. Have lunch in your / a suitable boat whilst at anchor.
- **Start Racing, Thursday improvers** – Thursday evenings from May to July.
- **Fun Thursdays** – Thursday afternoons in July and August.

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. All guests should be signed into the Visitors book on the Officer of the Day (OOD) desk

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

It is a condition of membership that everyone carries out duties. We are a member's club, and 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 6 people on duty at any one time).

There is a helpful guide on the website <https://www.chewvalleysailing.org.uk/dutyman/> which gives a brief summary of the basic duties for newcomers - click on the link [CVLSC Introductory Duties Overview](#) to download the 'Newcomer's Introductory Guide to Club Duty Roles'. For a detailed step by step instructions download the latest 'Duties Booklet'.

- Officer of the Day (OOD), Assistant Race Officer (ARO), and Rescue Crew (RC) duties are all suitable for beginners.
- Rescue Helm (RH) and Race Officer (RO) require specific training.

You can expect to do around 2-3 duties a year. Duties are rostered approx. 2 months ahead, but you can **self-select** your duties instead by using the 'volunteer for a duty' feature within Dutyman - this is useful to ensure they don't clash with holidays, or to do them with your partner/friend/helm/crew etc.

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.

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.

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: Reuben Woodbridge, new-memb@chewvalleysailing.org.uk.
- Membership Secretary: Rosie Bowers, membership@chewvalleysailing.org.uk

Key contacts can be reached through the website:

<http://www.chewvalleysailing.org.uk/contacts> and in the club programme enclosed.