



Hill Head Sailing Club is privileged to enjoy one of the finest locations on the Solent. Direct access to the best sailing waters, a beautiful harbour full of small boats and views across the water to Cowes make this a great place to sail.

The prime objective of the sailing club is to encourage small boat sailing and racing in a fun, friendly and safe environment.

Hill Head boasts modern facilities including a refurbished club house with a new bar; training room; full access for disabled people; a fleet of four safety boats and a variety of club-owned dinghies available for use by members.

You do not have to sail to become a member. You can join the club to enjoy the great social atmosphere and watch the sailing with superb views of the Solent from the club balcony.

Come and join us!

Visit the clubhouse at any weekend to meet members and enjoy the bar and food facilities on offer.

We promise you a warm welcome!

The Membership Secretary

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Hill Head Sailing Club

- Great Location
- Recreational Sailing
- Racing
- Cruising
- Social Events
- RYA Training
- Everyone welcome

Our Club

Hill Head Sailing Club prides itself on offering something for everyone, regardless of age or sailing ability. Whether completely new to the sport or with years of experience behind you, our comprehensive fixtures list will appeal.

The club is active all year, with a variety of activities ranging from class and handicap racing, Recreational Sailing, Cruiser Sailaways, the annual dinghy weeks and the extensive sailing programme.

During the winter months a series of talks are arranged aimed at increasing awareness about sailing, which could be anything from understanding the racing rules, how to maintain your boat or hearing about the club history.

Hill Head is run entirely by volunteers. All members are asked to carry out some sort of on the water or off the water duty throughout the year. This ensures that the club is run for members by members.

RYA Training for Adults and Children

Hill Head is an RYA recognised training centre, holds Volvo Champion Club status and has recently acquired RYA Onboard status for offering Start Sailing sessions to local community groups.

A number of training courses are held throughout the year ranging from Start Sailing and First Aid to more advanced sailing courses, that cover Day Sailing, Spinnakers and Seamanship. Training is provided for any member of the club of any age. There is a course that will suit everybody. To enable our sailing programme the RYA Training team hold a number of RYA Powerboat courses to give experience in the use of Club Safety boats. All the courses are run by qualified instructors, many of whom have been taught at the Sailing club.

Oppies Training (Your children's first sailing experience)

From May to October we run Start Sailing sessions for the children. This is their first real opportunity to get out in a boat with an instructor. These are conducted in a safe environment with club safety boats on standby.

Race Squad Training (Do you want to progress further?)

Those that wish to take their sailing skills further will have an opportunity to feed into our race coaching sessions each year. These are class separated and structured to give an annual programme of progression for sailors.

Recreational Sailing

Members can sail at any time of the week. Safety boat coverage by RYA qualified members is provided for both racers and non-racers when club racing is programmed. During these periods club boats may be used by suitably qualified members.

Club Boats

The Club has a number of dinghies for suitably experienced members to hire at a small cost:
Oppies, Toppers, Picos, RS Teras, RS Fevas a Mirror, Wayfarer and Laser 2000.

Some members choose not to race but simply enjoy the pleasures of sailing with their friends!

Dinghy Weeks

Every year during the summer holiday period the Club runs two special Dinghy Week events.

These are designed to offer families the chance to go out on the water and participate in organised and/or recreational sailing in a safe and fun environment.

Each year around 100 children join in, including the youngest Oppie sailors and the involvement of our parent members ensures this is an extremely popular and successful event for the Club.



Cruisers

44 cruisers, owned by members are moored in our own small harbour. The cruiser fleet has a full calendar of sailing and social events including regular racing and additional weekend cruises.

Social Events

The Club has a regular programme of social events, including themed evenings celebrating events such as St George's Day. More formal events include the annual black tie Laying Up Supper and the New Members Evening where we welcome newer members to the Club.

Food is either prepared by members in the club kitchen or by outside catering. At weekends light lunches are served, with the usual fare of a Helmsman's (Ploughman's) lunch on Saturday, but on Sunday an additional hot meal is available.

To quench the thirst of the sailors and non-sailing members the Club bar is open at lunch time on Saturday and Sunday, on every evening of the week and at other times when special sailing events are held outside normal bar hours. All pricing is set significantly lower than you find elsewhere.

Membership categories:

Sailing; Family; Associate; Student; Cadet; Overseas; Social; Life.

Children under sixteen can join as Cadet members provided they are supervised by an adult representative. Younger children can only join as part of family membership.

Communication to/for members:

- Club emails
- notice board displays
- a regular newsletter
- quarterly magazine, 'Mainsheets'
- Club website www.hillheadsc.org.uk

To join contact the Hon. Member Secretary - details overleaf.