



Severn Sailing Club

On the river Avon, Bredon's Norton, Worcestershire
Telephone: 01864 772036
Established 1936

The Severn Sailing Club (SSC) is a family club where you can enjoy pottering on the river, cruising, racing or just socialising. Come down and visit us - we'll be pleased to see you and answer your questions.

Location

The Severn Sailing Club (SSC) has just over 4 acres of grounds situated on the river Avon and providing space for a comprehensive clubhouse, the dinghy park and a camping/caravan field. There are approximately 7 miles of sailing water stretching from Strensham Lock to Tewkesbury.

Sailing

SSC's sailing season runs from March to November during which there is a comprehensive racing programme for both single and multiple crewed dinghies. Racing takes place on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesday evenings when daylight hours permit, and Bank Holidays. Racing is competitive but friendly so don't be afraid to have a go. For the hardy souls there is also an ad-hoc, winter "Brass Monkey" series.

Cruising is also catered for with several organised cruises each year, both at home and away.

Club Duties

Race Control and Safety is provided by Adult Members. Each member is expected to fulfil three duties a year - Officer of the Day (OOD) or Assistant OOD (AOOD) or Teas on a Sunday afternoon - or a combination from the three. Without these duties it would be difficult to organise the racing. Family Membership can reduce this requirement to four for the whole family.

We appreciate help from the season's new members who may be able to help when there's a gap on the rota. New members are normally AOODs alongside experienced OODs at first.

Training

If you are new to sailing or just want to refresh your skills we offer RYA courses for juniors and adults. There are also a Saturday morning sessions where support and guidance will be provided by more experienced members and with a safety boat in attendance.

The Boats

Most members have their own dinghies but there are also club for member's use. These are free during the first year of membership after which there is a small charge. There is no fee for juniors. The club boats include: Optimists, Toppers, BUGs, GP14s, a Graduate, a Lark, a Laser, an RS Feva, RS Visions and a Topper Cruz.

The largest fleet is the single handed Comet for which we hold an Open event each year.

We should point out that, apart from the club safety boats, power boats are not allowed at the club. Outboard motors may only be used as a get-me-home facility in cases of emergency or if the winds drop off completely.

Activities

The availability of the balcony, kitchen, barbecue, bar, shower and toilet facilities mean that many club members spend whole weekends on site, especially when there is also a social event. To keep a caravan at the club costs a small fee but temporary pitching (e.g. weekends) of caravans, motor homes and tents are free and the kitchen facilities are available.

Every year for the last 20+ years SSC has a club holiday week at Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire. This is an ideal event/venue if you have never been sea sailing before. There are always plenty of

willing helpers to launch and recover you from the beach and a safety boat. Members and friends stay in cottages, caravans or B&B, while others camp, meeting up on the beach for a day's sailing.

Throughout the season we have a wide range of social events beginning with the fitting out party in March. There are also live music events, barbecues, The Pig Roast, the Regatta and Barn dance to name but a few. Ending with the Laying-up supper, children's party and bonfire in November.

During the winter there are several organised events for all members to join in, including the annual Dinner/Dance. Most events are arranged by any member who would like to - walking, bike rides, archery are just a few examples.

Running The Club

SSC is self-supporting as far as possible and relies on members to help with running the club and maintaining the facilities.

The General Committee is elected during the AGM which is usually held mid-November at the club.

Commodore - usually in post for one year.

Vice Commodore - usually in post for one year. Usually takes over from the Commodore.

Other Posts include members for the General, Sailing and Bar Committees.

We are always pleased to see new faces on these committees. New Faces - New Ideas, so you may like to think about standing for election in future. Meetings are held monthly and if you want to raise an issue or an idea for discussion please contact the Secretary.

At the start and end of each season we hold Working Parties - these are to open up / close down the facilities. There may be a requirement to hold a mid-term W.Pty. Any help you can give at these events will be greatly appreciated.

General Information

We do have some rules and regulations which are for reasons of safety, consideration of others and the efficient running of the club. These are detailed in the Blue Book a copies off which are located in the kitchen and club room, plus you will have your personal copy.

The Blue Book is published in time for the first Working Party each year and includes:

Contact detail for committee members and other useful members

The Racing Programme and information for racers

The main social events calendar.

General information for members, some of which are based on the Club Rules.

Day to day information is sent to members by e-mail. We also have a Facebook page entitled "Severn Sailing Club", a Website (www.severnsailing.org.uk) and a bi-monthly newsletter.

Although it is advisable to take dinghies home during the winter a watch on the river level at times of heavy rain is recommended. For this we've recently installed a webcam which can be viewed at <http://ssccam.uk>

Applications

Prospective members should apply to the Membership Secretary using the application form. These are available either from the SSC website or the SSC clubhouse. Applications should be sent with an accompanying cheque covering the relevant fees. Fees are illustrated on the reverse of the application form.

Following receipt of the form your application for membership (name and town/village of your address only) will be posted on the club notice board for a period of two weeks, allowing club members to provide the General Committee with any information that may be relevant to your application.

A list of names only of new members will be displayed on the notice board, allowing current members to get to know names and welcome you.