

BEWL VALLEY SAILING CLUB

Information for Applicants

Sailing Sessions

Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 6 pm, or half an hour before sunset if earlier.

Wednesday evenings May to August 6 pm to 9 pm, or half an hour before sunset if earlier.

During these session times the Club aims to provide support boat cover. So long as a level of competence can be demonstrated, sailing is allowed outside these times from 9.00 until half an hour before sunset for members aged 16 and over. The rules for sailing outside session times are on the website or available from the office.

The Club Office is open from 10.00 – 3.00 pm Monday to Friday and 9.00 – 6.00 at the weekends.

Membership Categories

Full (family)	Open to any person over 18 on subscription due date. Entitles main member, spouse and children under 21 on subscription due date to use all facilities. Named member has full voting rights and is obliged to perform a rostered duty. Other family members are welcome to perform a rostered duty.
Full (individual)	Open to any person over 18 on subscription due date. Entitles named member to use all facilities. Named member has full voting rights and is obliged to perform a rostered duty
Young Adult	Open to any person aged 18 or over and under 25 on subscription due date. Entitles member to use all facilities. Named member has full voting rights and is obliged to perform a rostered duty
Junior	Open to any person under 18 on subscription due date. Entitles member to use all facilities (except the bar). May enrol one adult as a social member free. Have no voting rights. 16- and 17-year olds are obliged to perform a duty.
Social	Open to any person over 18 on subscription due date. Entitles main member and spouse to use shore-based facilities only. Have no voting rights. Social members cannot register a craft.
Winter	As for Full (family) but only for the period from 1 October in any year to 31 March the following year. Have no voting rights.
Young Winter	As for Young Adult but only for the period from 1 October in any year to 31 March the following year. Have no voting rights.
Junior Winter	As Junior but only for the period from 1 October in any year to 31 March the following year.

Subscriptions

Joining Fee	This is payable when you first join the Club. Enter the fee for the category of membership for which you are applying. You will be entitled to one free supervised sailing session.
Membership Fee	In the total column enter the fee for the category of membership for which you are applying.
Craft Fees	A craft fee is payable for each craft that you wish to sail at Bewl, even if you don't keep the craft at Bewl. Enter details in the appropriate columns and tick if you require a boat park space for your dinghy. If you have a sailboard and a sailing dinghy, the sailing dinghy must be entered as the first boat and the sailboard as an additional board.
Duty Roster Waiver	Payable by a Main member who is not able to perform a duty.

Club Duties

To keep membership costs as low as possible, we expect all members to give a few hours of their time to the club each year. If you have just joined the club, doing duties is an ideal way to get to know people. We have regular rostered duties that enable sailing and racing to take place in club session times, but there are other ways that you can get involved, for example by helping to organise social events, including Family Week or SCAMPS or being part of working parties that help to improve our club house and boat parks.

On the membership application form you are asked to choose a type of duty, so a brief description of each type of duty is given below.

Officer of the Day

Training is offered when a member has sufficient experience to be recommended for this duty.

Beachmaster

The Beachmaster works under the direction of the Officer of the Day (OOD). Your main function is to coordinate activity on the beach and slipways and prevent congestion round the clubhouse.

You will check that dinghies have a current craft sticker displayed on the transom and that windsurfers are displaying a number on their sail before they go out on the water.

Assisting single-handed sailors with their trolleys as they go afloat and return makes the Beachmaster a popular person. This is a useful way to meet and talk to other members.

Finally you should bring sailing gear (wet suit or dry suit when required) just in case one of the Support Boat crews is unable to turn up, so that you can be switched to this duty in an emergency.

Assistant Race Officer

Whether you are a racer or not, you can do this duty as part of the Race Management team. Under the direction of the Race Officer, Assistant Race Officers assist by raising and lowering flags and checking boats and timings as boats progress round the course.

You may be required to work in the race box or from the committee boat which will be moored out on the water, so you will need to bring suitable clothing and your buoyancy aid. Free race management courses are held from time to time and the Club will welcome you if you wish to participate.

Support Boat Crew

Two support boats, each manned by a helm and a crew, are provided to render assistance to dinghy and board sailors in trouble during Club sailing sessions. Usually the problem is if a dinghy capsizes and, the crew are having difficulty righting the boat, the support boat crew will help from within the support boat. On rare occasions the support boat crew will have to enter the water in order to assist. The support boats also check that dinghies and windsurfing boards stay in the defined areas of sailing.

Support boat personnel must wear suitable buoyancy at all times when out on the water. A wetsuit or drysuit must be worn between 1 November and 30 April and plenty of warm clothing at other times.

Support Boat Helm

If you have an RYA Power Boat Level 2 certificate, ideally with Safety Boat Endorsement, you could be considered for this duty.