

Twickenham Yacht Club
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Opening Hours: Wednesdays 20:30-23:00 and Sundays 12.30-16:30



New Members Welcome Pack

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Welcome to Twickenham Yacht Club where you will have lots of enjoyment on the river via our action-packed volunteer led club and facilities. This new members pack will help you gain the most out of your membership.

Security

All members are entrusted with the security of the club and its property. Please do not share this document with non-members as it contains secure information. In regard to the club, as you would your own home, please make sure everything is locked securely away and doors / gates are locked when you leave the premises. CCTV is in operation in some outdoor areas. Policies can be viewed in the members area of the website.

Accessing the club

Twickenham Yacht Club has three sites:

- The Clubhouse at the end of Sion Road
- The lower dinghy park (LDP) just beyond The White Swan pub
- The upper dinghy park (UDP) next to The Barmy Arms pub.

A member can access:

- the lower deck and balcony of the clubhouse at any time
- the lower and upper dinghy parks at any time

The upper deck with bar is only open Wednesdays 20:30 – 23:00 and Sundays 12.30 – 16:30 and when there is a social event.

Keys and codes:

- The clubhouse and lower dinghy park gates are accessed using code C541. The code is to be entered to open and close the gates. Do not share this code in WhatsApp groups.
- Keys can be purchased from the bar on the upper deck at a small cost of £5 each or contact the Membership Secretary.

The main key is the small padlock key, this key gains you access to:

- The padlock box to left of the clubhouse entry doorway, which holds two entry keys for the brown wooden door and the blue inner double doors.
- Please remember to return the keys for the next person to use and securely lock the box for security purposes.
- This padlock key also provides access to other padlocks including:
 - the race hut in the LDP
 - clubhouse pontoon gate
 - paddleboard padlocks
 - blue equipment cupboards on the clubhouse balcony,
 - the bosuns cupboard on the lower deck of clubhouse.
 - padlock for the UDP

A balcony door key is also available and recommended to those who have cruisers on the moorings and are departing the club by river.

Club Operation

The club is managed by a 15-person committee with Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Club Secretary, Treasurer and section heads for Sailing, Cruiser, Harbour, Bosun, Bar, Social and House plus 3 general committee members who represent the membership at meetings. The committee meets on the last Tuesday of every month. Up to date committee members can be viewed here: <https://www.twickenhamyc.co.uk/committee> Committee members are voted on at our Annual General Meeting, held typically on the third Wednesday of February each year.

However primarily the club operates well due to the members volunteering their time, skills, and knowledge to ensure the club runs smoothly. All members are asked to contribute to the club in one way or another. Keep an eye out on communications for volunteers required or see an area that needs improving that you could help with, please get involved!

Communication

The best way to stay up to date on 'What's happening at TYC', to volunteer or communicate with other members is via:

1. The news bulletin, you will be automatically added to the list – however you can also subscribe here: <http://eepurl.com/hcdkbX>
2. WhatsApp – there are several for various areas of club. You can join by clicking the links on a mobile device.
 - For Club News & Important Information:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BfahZMbnReJHT4GZ2xWv6K>
 - Sailing
group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/K0b1wORgQxwKUgIYOyc19u>
 - Cruiser
group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EM9XOOX15IBDgWLOidloaR>
 - Chit Chat
group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DbKf0Ldwdbh7V4FP7kviGJ>
 - Paddleboard group:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/K400cODO21LACPtBlf7uic>
3. Website Members Area, password is C541
<https://www.twickenhamyc.co.uk/membersarea>
4. TYC social media
 - Facebook: www.facebook.com/twickenhamyc

- Instagram: www.instagram.com/twickenhamyc
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/twickenhamyc

Bar, Social & Hiring the club

The Bar:

On Wednesday evenings the bar is operated by a volunteer, taking turns on a rota with other members. This is an excellent volunteer role for new members as you can meet and get to know several members. Plus, it is great fun. The bar on Sundays is operated by a paid member of staff.

Opening times: Wednesdays 20:30 – 23:00 and Sundays 12.30 – 16:30 and when there is a social event. Please note the bar does not open on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, or New Year's Eve/day.

Social Events:

The club has a busy social calendar throughout the year, with several dinners, BBQs and parties throughout the year including our Annual Ball and Prizegiving in February which is a black tie do held off site. You can view the calendar and book social events here: <https://webcollect.org.uk/tyc/category/social-events>

Hiring the clubhouse:

Once you have been a member for one year you can hire the clubhouse out for an event. See the booking form and T&Cs here:

<https://www.twickenhamyc.co.uk/membersarea>

On the Water Activities

Club Equipment

Please note club equipment is to be used by **members only** and members must complete an annual equipment form and return this to tyc.afloat@gmail.com before using any club equipment. The equipment form can be found here:

<https://www.twickenhamyc.co.uk/membersarea>

Sailing

There is racing every Sunday morning, with races starting from 10.30am. Arrive at 10am for the opportunity to crew in members boats at the helm's discretion.

In the summer months there is racing every Wednesday evening from 7.30pm.

Arrive by 7pm for opportunity to crew. Throughout the season there are a number of trophy races, class open races and competitions and regattas.

Volunteer for duties: To support these activities, a computer system known as Dutyman is used to manage the roster for duties which include Race Officer, Race Officer Assistant, Support Boat and Support Boat Crew. For support boat you must be fit and able, in case rescue is required. Members are expected to volunteer for at least four duties. Training is provided for these roles through the year. Access dutyman here: <https://dutyman.biz/dmmain.aspx?id=T0002512>

Club boats available to hire here: <https://webcollect.org.uk/tyc/category/club-boat-hire>

- National 12 - Maxim
- Solo's – Ruby and Soleil D'or (single handed)
- Enterprise – Double Dragon
- Toppers – Tip Toe and Pink Panther (single handed)
- Quests – Woodcock and Winter

The Sailing Secretary will help you determine which boat is best suited for your level of competency.

More information available in the members area on the website:

<https://www.twickenhamyc.co.uk/membersarea>

Keep an eye out on the sailing WhatsApp group, the news bulletin, and the calendar for potter sailing activities.

Improvers Sailing

A number of informal sailing sessions are scheduled between, April - September.

These sessions are led by sailors who have many years of experience under their belts and help sailors who would like to improve and build on their skills. It is also an opportunity to familiarise yourself with the Club boats, learn about the tricks for sailing on this stretch of the river, or generally improve your sailing skills and confidence.

View dates & book here: <https://webcollect.org.uk/tyc/category/improve-your-sailing>

Paddleboarding

The club recently extended it's on the water activities to include paddle boarding and needs volunteers urgently to help support this section. The club has bought six paddleboards (4 inflatable and 2 green rigid boards) these are stored at the top of the slipway in the lower dinghy park.

For use of club paddleboards, follow the annual club equipment protocol, as above: complete, sign and return an annual equipment hire form to tyc.afloat@gmail.com prior to using any club equipment.

All members can have 3 free trials of the boards, before an additional annual fee of £50 per person is required. Please make payment to the club subscription bank account with the reference 'PADDLE'. The equipment form is also available here: <https://www.twickenhamyc.co.uk/membersarea>

- Submit the form in advance of using the equipment, as this email is managed by a volunteer, and they will authorise your access to the booking sheet.
- It is essential that members using paddleboards complete this booking sheet (google sheets) by entering all users names in advance of taking club paddleboards out and for the number of hours that you will be using the boards for.
- At busy times please restrict use to 2 hours.
- There is also a document to sign, which is stored in the race hut, prior to departing for your paddleboarding trip.
- After use of the paddleboards, please hose off the equipment and return the fins, paddles and waist straps to the race hut, stack boards in the purpose-built shelving and securely lock them.

The clubs' paddleboards are strictly for member use only, except at the discretion of the committee due to insurance purposes.

Further information along with instructor led sessions can be found on the news bulletin, members' area of the website and in the paddleboarding WhatsApp.

Cruising

If you are a new member who is now keeping a cruiser on one of the TYC moorings, you will have been contacted by the TYC Harbour master.

The cruiser captain organizes a variety of outings throughout the year including trips to Greenwich, the River Wey and shorter trips to pubs such as Ye Olde Swan and the London Apprentice. If you do not have a cruiser many cruiser owners are willing to take crew aboard or you can meet by land to join in on the activities.

Keep an eye out on the Cruiser WhatsApp group, the news bulletin, and the calendar for cruiser activities.

Harbour

If you own a cruiser or a sailing dinghy and are interested in mooring or storing this at the club, contact the harbour master. The membership secretary can provide you with contact details. The harbour master will give you instruction on use of the moorings, tenders, river flow conditions, working parties, draw-off, etc. The moorings are all maintained by members, and it is a condition of keeping a boat at the club that you take part in working parties as directed by the harbour master.

Yachting

Yachting is a much smaller aspect of the club, however members who own yachts on the Solent, invite members aboard, at least twice a year to crew on trips to gain experience sailing on the Solent to Cowes, Yarmouth and Portsmouth. If there is an increase in demand, the club also charters yachts. Keep an eye on news bulletins for dates.

Training

The club has been affiliated with the RYA since 2012 and offers several courses which can be booked here: <https://webcollect.org.uk/tyc/category/shorebased-training>

There are also opportunities to take part in volunteer led training at the club such as support boat basics training and improver sailing sessions.

Keep an eye out on the news bulletin, calendar, and WhatsApp groups for further information.

Reciprocal and Sister Clubs

TYC is affiliated with many other yacht clubs all over the world. Flags of the club's affiliated clubs are displayed in the clubhouse on the upper deck. The details of each arrangement may vary however we are sure that you will receive the same warm welcome that we at 'Twickenham' extend to our visitors from reciprocal clubs. Twickenham Yacht Club is also a member of the Association of Thames Yacht Clubs.

The club has particularly close relationships with: Minima Yacht Club (Kingston), Tamesis Sailing Club (Teddington) and Greenwich Yacht Club.

TYC members have also been visiting Keyhaven Yacht Club for more than 60 years and officially became recognised as a sister club in 2006.

Every July/August Twickenham members visit Keyhaven Yacht Club for their regatta week and take part in racing on the Solent, potter trips to Lymington Town Sailing Club and join in on dinners and social events in the evenings such as Quiz and Games nights.

Club Clothing

Volunteer required: Clothing Officer from 2023 – managing the memberships clothing orders and liaising with the clothing company.

In 2022, members can order 125th anniversary clothing from the bar, complete the order form and make payment with the bar person. Order forms will be collected on the last club day of the month. Samples are available to view and try on, on the upper deck.