



## INFORMATION ABOUT EMSWORTH SAILING CLUB

**Emsworth Sailing Club** is a private members club founded in 1919, and is the oldest sailing club in Chichester Harbour. The Club is situated at the end of Bath Road, which is a turning off the A259 Havant Road on the western side of the centre of Emsworth.

**Membership** numbers are limited by the General Committee to about 1150 adults, and 500 children. Applicants for membership should complete an application form available from the Club Secretaries, and should then be proposed and seconded by two existing Club members of at least two years standing. Following interview, the General Committee elects new members at its monthly meetings. There is currently a waiting list for membership. An entrance fee is payable in addition to the first year's subscription. Subscriptions are billed in the January of each year. House guests of members are eligible for temporary membership a week at a time on payment of the appropriate fee.

**The Club site** is on the south-facing shore adjacent to the western end of the Emsworth Millpond. Immediately offshore are mudflats which are covered to a depth of 2 metres at mean high water springs, and a channel which leads via Bakers Lake and Fowley Rythe to the main Emsworth Channel. There are four Club slipways, with access up to 3.5 hours either side of high water. Boats may also be launched from the Millpond wall nearby, adjacent to the Chichester Harbour Conservancy jetty, at all states of the tide except around low water springs.

**The local sailing waters** are the relatively sheltered Emsworth-Hayling-Langstone areas of Chichester Harbour. The favourite picnic areas for day sailing are down-harbour at East Head and Pilsey Island. Chichester Harbour entrance is accessible by cruisers at all times, although it can be dangerous on the ebb during strong on-shore winds. The popular Solent sailing area lies to the west of the harbour entrance, with its many ports for weekend cruising. Members own about 500 dinghies, 350 of which can be accommodated in the boat park at the Club. Popular classes include Lasers, Laser 2s, Laser 4000s, Wayfarers, RS Fevas, Picos, Toppers, Mirrors, Optimists and Scows. Members own about 150 cruisers. The Club has 62 cruiser moorings (of which 13 are in deep water) and a further 20 moorings nearer to the Club for smaller boats.

**The Club racing programme** provides weekend racing from April to October, with a frostbite series until December. Most racing is on a general handicap basis, although open meetings and occasional class races are organised for those classes which are popular with members. There is a Regatta day each season. As the Harbour is tidal, races take place at times determined by high water. There is a limited programme of cruiser racing and an annual rally to St Vaast.

**Junior sailing** takes place most days throughout the summer holiday period, with a race programme and other sailing and social activities. Younger children learn to sail Optimists under parental supervision on the sheltered waters of the Millpond on Saturday mornings.

**The Club premises** include a licensed bar which is open at lunchtimes and most evenings throughout the year, and also during the afternoon at peak times. Snacks, hot drinks and meals are also available. There is a large sun lounge (cum dining area) overlooking the harbour, and seating and picnic tables outside. There are changing rooms with hot showers and WCs including one accessible by disabled people. There is an outdoor heated swimming pool which is open from May to September.

**The Club social programme** includes formal and informal dinners for up to 70 people, talks, barbecues, parties, bridge and other such events. There is a separate social programme for Juniors.