

Joining instructions for visiting sailors.



baltic wharf sailing club

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Baltic Wharf Sailing Club is a small, friendly, RYA-affiliated sailing club based right in the heart of Bristol.

The Open meeting/ Regatta is open to members of BWSC

Bristol floating harbour is non-tidal and, in a valley, which can produce interesting winds. They will test even the most experienced sailor; the gusts can come and go quickly and there can be a pronounced wind shift. The harbour is now a busy leisure harbour used by many historic boats, ferries and a number of user groups. Crafts on the water go from paddleboards to a large replica sailing ship called the Mathew.

The club will be open from 09:30, Safety brief at 10:30. We have an open meeting/ regatta entry form, and a under 18s consent form which needs to be completed before the start of the meeting. The first race starts at 11:00 often heads of the harbour in the morning, however, it's wind dependant. Second and third races after lunch. The club doesn't have cooking facilities, but we can pre-order lunch (sandwich meal deal) from a local café. The cottage pub is very conveniently next to the slipway for a post-race drink.

Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether a float or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether they are competent, and their boat fit to sail. Nothing done by BWSC can reduce the responsibility of the competitors, nor will it make BWSC responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred.

When you arrive, there is a one-way system so please come in through the Harbour Masters green gates, you can unhitch your dinghy by the slipway then park your car in the car park. The trailer and launch trolley storage area are beside the slipway. This is a public area so please be aware of others as you move around.

Please read our policies, risk assessments and sailing instructions as well as the water quality count, after heavy rain this can sometimes be high. Links to all of these are on our website.

As a visiting sailor to BWSC there is a £10 fee, you then sail under the club's navigation licence, so please do not buy one from the harbour master. Your dinghy must have up to date insurance, for liability of £3,000,000.

All competitors must complete an Entry form and when applicable an Under 18s compliance form.

Wearing of buoyancy aids is mandatory both waterside and on all vessels.

Bio security is becoming a hot topic, so please wash your dinghy before coming down to Bristol.

We hope you will enjoy sailing with us at BWSC