



# Portchester Sailing Club

## Topper Traveller & Training

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Information for visiting sailors & parents.

### Access and Car Parking

The club is accessed via Castle Street and Waterside Lane

Parking is available in the Pay & Display car park in Waterside Lane and adjacent to the Castle Entrance. If the car park is full parking is available in the surrounding residential areas but please be considerate of our neighbours and do not park so as to cause an obstruction or nuisance. Trailers are not permitted in the public car park – please see details of the Rigging Area and Overnight arrangements.

On a nice day the area around the castle can be busy with the general public, not all of who will be alive to the risks of flapping sails so please be mindful of this when rigging, launching etc. Please wrap sails when leaving boats unattended.

### Rigging area

English Heritage has kindly agreed to provide access to the castle lawn near the top of the PSC slipway for rigging and trailers. Please only access this at the nominated location as directed by PSC marshals (this will be at the seaward end of the fencing).

We have undertaken to keep vehicles off the grass and maintain this area in a clean and tidy fashion please help us to do so otherwise it prejudices future events.

Please drain boats and trollies of excess water **before** moving onto the grass.

The area will not be screened or patrolled, please therefore do not leave any valuables in the area and please ensure that your equipment is left in such a manner not to cause risk to members of the public.

### Overnight storage

For those participating in both days all boats and trailers will need to be moved into the PSC boat yard and removed again in the morning. Directions will be provided once the Training fleet is ashore.

### Early drop-offs

A limited number of early boat and trailer drop offs can be accommodated on Friday for the Training on Saturday, or Saturday for the Traveller on Sunday. Please contact [sailsec@portchestersc.org.uk](mailto:sailsec@portchestersc.org.uk) to confirm.

## Club compound

The club compound can be accessed using the following pin code during the event: \*5376#

Please close the gates behind you on entering / leaving the yard.

Please note we are currently replacing our main gates closest to the car park. Please access the club compound via the sea gates at the end of Waterside lane at the top of the slipway using the pin code.

## Registration

Registration will be open between 11:30 – 12:00 in the Club House Lower Bar.

## Toilet and changing facilities

Ladies and Gents toilets can be accessed from within the lower bar.

We ask that wet sailors and helpers use the external doors to these facilities located:

Ladies: Behind the screen at the front of the club house

Gents: To the rear of the club house via the car park

The door code is a push button lock – 541 (with 1 being the top button) then twist the handle to the right/clockwise.

Please ensure that all kit is labelled, so any lost property can be returned to the sailors.

The blue door to the front of the club house uses the same code.

## Club activities

There is planned club racing on Saturday starting at 13:00. There will also be Cruisers Launching from the compound on Sunday. All sailors must follow the instructions of the Beach Master before launching

## Bar and catering

The following food and drink services are available:

Tea, Coffee, and Bacon/Sausage Baps will be available on both mornings from 10:00, purchased over the lower bar.

After the Traveller event on Sunday sandwiches and refreshments will be available for all competitors and is included in the race entry fee.

	Bar / drinks	Lunch service
Saturday	10:00 to end	c. 12-230
Sunday	10:00 to end	c. 12-230

We ask that no wet gear is worn in the upper bar. Wet service can be obtained from the lower bar and you are welcome to use the deck.

## Launching & recovery

Portchester Sailing Club launches from a concrete and gravel slipway. A footpath crosses the top of the slipway between the gates to the club compound and the washdown area at the top of the slipway. Please do not obstruct this with boats and please be mindful of the public when washing down.

## Safety

If assisting with launching, please note that there is a kink in the slipway at the base of the concrete with the gravel section running in a straight line past the two dolphins (towers with cranes on).

The slipway may be slippery on the concrete section and there may be ground tackle/ironworks on the pontoon side in between the two dolphins.

Please exercise caution if assisting in launching and recovery and ensure that you wear suitable footwear at all times.

It is generally best for sailors to come around the outer dolphin (crane tower) rather than pass between it and the pontoon unless they know the venue well.

## Trolleys during the day

It would be helpful if these could be stacked and returned to the grass area. Trolleys must be clearly marked and easily identifiable with the boats Championship Number.

## Navigation and local conditions

The sailing area is likely to be approximately South East of the corner of Portchester Castle (known as Tipner Lake). Directions will be provided at the sailors' briefing but racing is likely to take place in the area bounded in Orange. The green line represents the main channel leading from Port Solent marina to the Solent. This can be busy with pleasure craft and it is preferable to remain outside the channel when transiting to and from the sailing area.



## The courses

Please refer to the SI's posted on the ITCA Event page.

## Parental assistance

Like most clubs PSC is a self-help/member run club and we rely on some assistance from visiting sailors' parents and/or supervising adults to make the day run effectively.

## Beachmaster and launching / landing support (call sign “Topper Beach”)

We have a relatively narrow tidal window at PSC and therefore a prompt dispatch and recovery of sailors is beneficial to maximising their day's sailing and completing the planned number of races.

To do this we need one person to assume overall control as Beachmaster and between 3 and 5 parents support delivery of trolleys and clearing boats from the slipway.

## When we launch the fleet

This person will be responsible for the initial release of sailors once patrol boats are afloat.

We will provide a handheld VHF radio.

## During the day

If sailors are coming ashore the Beachmaster will need to be available at the club to respond to incoming sailors and ensure that their trolley is available, and tally returned.

Please keep the VHF with you and when the fleet is sent back to shore rouse parent helpers to move trolleys. After high water you can start to bring trolleys down the slipway.

## Recovery

At the end of racing, it would be helpful to have all of the sailors trolleys arranged near the water's edge before the boats return.

Boats should be washed off within the yellow hatched area on the concrete slipway and then promptly moved to the designated rigging area for derigging.