

Elite Sailing Club – Your Gateway to More Great Sailing

Costs, Benefits and Organisation

Membership Fees (Valid for 12 months from date of joining)

Individual standard (adult)	£120
Family standard (2 adults + up to 3 dependent children under 18 years)	£240
Individual (Skipper)	£250
Family (including 1 skipper)	£370

Anyone is eligible to join the club and all club members can join any club sailing trips or events as crew. Club members sailing as crew must accept the authority of the skipper – be they a club skipper or an Elite Sailing skipper in charge of the yacht.

Club Skippers (Cruising)

Suitably qualified sailors (minimum RYA Day Skipper Theory and Practical) can apply to join as a club skipper. Their higher membership fee includes a one-day checkout and training session. Club skippers can then skipper Elite boats on club sailings. If a club skipper takes charge of a yacht on a club sailing event it becomes a bareboat charter and he or she will be asked to sign a Bareboat Charter Agreement each time. This process is covered in the training and so will be simple in application. The yachts are insured for bareboat charter. The normal requirement for a security deposit to cover uninsured losses (including the insurance excess) will be waived but in the event of any loss of equipment the skipper may be asked to invite the crew to share the cost of replacement. Additional terms apply (see detailed T&Cs)

Benefits

Club Sailing Events – Pay Per Sail

Club sailing events can be anything including an evening or one day, a complete weekend, a yacht racing session or even a complete week's cruise. Club sailing events can be scheduled by the Elite Sailing office or proposed by any individual member. The proposer just needs to get a club skipper (unless he or she is already an approved club skipper) or book an Elite Sailing instructor, make a provisional booking for the boat with the Elite Sailing Office and then recruit some crew (who must all be members – individual or included in a family). All club members who already have a Facebook account and login details will be able to join the Elite Sailing Club Facebook Group. We expect this mechanism will provide the main communications net to find skippers and crew. Therefore we strongly recommend that members without a Facebook account set one up, if only for Club use. Confirmed events will be scheduled in the normal way in the Elite Sailing Booking System and will be listed in the club website page and on Facebook.

Fees are payable per boat dependent on the type and duration of the sailing. The Proposer (who may be the skipper) will pay this fee (to the Elite Sailing Office) but will usually seek contributions from crew in their party. Elite Sailing will not collect individual crew contributions. For example, one day mid-week on a Jeanneau 35 (maximum 8 berths) will cost members £280 for the whole boat. So if there are 6 people sharing the cost the price will be £47 per person. Provisions, fuel and 'away' berthing are a matter for the skipper to pay with contributions from the crew but these costs are quite small.

Pay per Sailing – Scale of Charges

Club Charter Prices (Bareboat - Club skipper)

	Jeanneau 35s		Impala 28	
	Price/Boat	Price pp 6 crew	Price/boat	Price pp 6 crew
1 day mid week	280	47	200	34
2 days mid week	400	67	350	58
3 days	500	83	400	67
4 days	600	100	500	83
5 days	600	100	500	83
1 day weekend	400	67	300	50
2 days weekend	600	100	450	75

Club Charter Prices – (Skippered – Elite Sailing Instructor)

	Jeanneau 35s		Impala 28	
	Price/Boat	Price pp 5 crew	Price/boat	Price pp 5 crew
1 day mid week	400	80	320	64
2 days mid week	640	128	590	118
3 days	860	172	760	152
4 days	1080	216	980	196
5 days	1200	240	1100	220
1 day weekend	520	104	420	84
2 days weekend	840	168	690	138

Club Racing (Race Training and Racing) (Elite Instructor)

Prices as for special club sailing plus £10pp per day

	Impala 28	
	Price/boat	Price pp 5 crew
1 day mid week	340	78
2 days mid week	590	138
3 days	760	182
4 days	980	236
5 days	1100	270
1 day weekend	420	94
2 days weekend	690	158

Club Member Discounts (Percentages)

		%	
Practical Sailing	5 Day Courses	10	(Sun - Fri only)
	5 Day Courses	5	(Tue - Sun)
	Weekends	5	
	Combined	5	Combined Theory and Practical
Theory Courses at Chatham		5	
Theory Courses in London		5	
Adventure Sailing		5	

Other Benefits

Club clothing at cost (T shirts, sweat shirts)

Discounts on other sailing clothing ordered through the club

Club Parties at cost. (1 X late summer barbecue. 1 X end of season party)

Organisation

Joining – all members. Download a Membership application form. Complete and sign it and post or, preferably, email it to us using the address club@elitesailing.co.uk. The form will ask you to supply your Facebook name. the Elite Sailing office will identify you on Facebook, add your name to the Club Facebook Group and send you email confirmation of your membership.

Application to join as a Club skipper. Mark the Membership application form accordingly and list your qualifications and experience. Or, if applying to upgrade, just send the office an email to club@elitesailing.co.uk. Enclose scanned copies of your certificates. The absolute minimum requirement is RYA Day Skipper Theory and Practical certificates and at least 5 days of satisfactory sailing experience with Elite Sailing. If you meet the requirement we will confirm acceptance for a check-out and training day and agree a date. These days will be scheduled about once or twice per month. They will comprise:

A check of your boat handling skills under power and sail

A check of your essential knowledge of IRPCS and tidal navigation.

Briefings on your responsibilities as a skipper, on the yachts and their equipment, on the procedures for handover and hand back of the yacht and finally on documentation for club sailing events.

On satisfactory completion of this check-out and training day you will be appointed a Club Skipper.

If on the check-out day one of the yacht types is unavailable, we will arrange a later session to complete the briefing on that type.

If during the checkout it appears that your skills or knowledge are insufficient we will discuss with you a programme to improve and be re-checked.

Responsibilities of Club Skippers

During the club sailing event, including preparation and recovery, the Club skipper is fully responsible for the safety of the vessel and its crew – just as in the case of a bareboat charter. The

skipper must ensure that the yacht is properly prepared for sea, a weather forecast obtained, a passage and pilotage plan made appropriate to the circumstances and the crew briefed and dressed and equipped for the conditions. The crews will understand that they have to accept the authority of the skipper concerning the safety of the vessel and other crew and assist with operation of the yacht and cleaning it prior to handover back to Elite Sailing.

Club Facebook Group

This is a 'secret' Facebook Group only accessible to Club members. If you do not have a Facebook account we strongly recommend that you open one to simplify future communications between Group members. But if you prefer not to use Facebook you can still join the Club and communicate by email via the Elite Sailing Office instead. When we confirm membership we will also confirm if we have been able to locate you on Facebook and therefore added you to the Elite Sailing Club Group.

Organising a club sailing event

Step 1. Decide a preferred date or dates.

Step 2. Email the Elite Sailing Office and make a provisional reservation of a boat. (This is subject to availability of course).

Step 3. If you are not a club skipper you will need to find one. A list will be held by the Elite Sailing Office and some of those may be listed on the club Facebook Group page.

Step 4. If you want to invite other crew, post your proposed event on the Club Facebook Group page with an invitation.

Step 5. Once you have a skipper and sufficient crew, confirm this to the Elite Sailing Office with a list of the crew names. The office will then issue the request for payment. You should then collect contributions from your crew and make a full payment to the Elite Sailing Office. This payment can be made by bank transfer, by debit card or by cash.

Step 6. When payment has been received the Elite Sailing Office will send you confirmation, joining instructions and suggested packing lists. It will be your responsibility to make sure that all your crew are aware of the dates, times and joining instructions.

Step 7. When you arrive you will be given the charter documentation to sign and the yacht's handover documents. You should check the yachts inventory and raise any discrepancies with the Elite Sailing Office.

Step 8. At the end of the event you should complete the documentation including details of any defects, damage or losses and ensure that the yacht is left in a secure, clean and general state of readiness for another event. The office staff will check the yacht. This may be before or after you leave the marina. In either case any discrepancies or problems found with the state of the yacht will be raised with you.