

# Spinnaker Sailing Club



## Information for Sailors Visiting Spinnaker Sailing Club

### Introduction

We hope you are looking forward to visiting Spinnaker Sailing Club, where we look forward to welcoming you to our lake on the edge of The New Forest. Below is some information to ensure you have the best possible experience at the club.

### Arriving at Spinnaker Sailing Club

Spinnaker Sailing Club is based on Ivy Lane, Blashford, BH24 3LY. Ivy Lane is just off the A338 Salisbury Road, about 5 minutes from Ringwood. Please be aware that Ivy Lane itself is a narrow road with passing places. Please be aware that as you turn into the club grounds from Ivy Lane you will be crossing a Long Distance National Footpath that is heavily used. Once on the Club's driveway, and throughout the Club's site there is a 5mph speed limit.

If you are bringing a boat with you we recommend using our North Car Park as there is more space to unload, as well as easy access to three slipways. This car park can be accessed via the driveway between our clubhouse and neighbour's home, by turning left immediately before entering the first car park.



The club's gates and clubhouse are locked with combination padlocks, and the codes to these will be shared prior to your arrival if there will not be staff on site as you arrive.

### Club Staff

Spinnaker Sailing Club has a small team of employed staff who support the activities at the lake. During the Summer Season (Easter holidays to the end of October Half Term) there will be a Duty Senior Instructor each day who oversees all activities at the Club, and will be able to provide assistance to any visitors as required. During the Winter Season a Duty Senior Instructor is normally on site during activities, by exception where there is a visiting group who are familiar with Spinnaker Sailing Club there may be no staff on site. At these times the Chief Instructor is contactable via mobile phone if required for support or assistance – 07880517110.

### Access to Spinnaker Sailing Club

Lead Instructors/Coaches of groups will be given combination codes to enable access to the Spinnaker Sailing Club grounds and clubhouse if an arrival prior to club staff being on site is planned.

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## **Our Environment**

Spinnaker Sailing Club is based within a Site of Special Scientific Interest and Ramsar Site due to the unique qualities of our lake water and the large number of birds which make use of the local area. To support our local wildlife and ecology landing on any of the islands or foreshore not within the Spinnaker Sailing Club Boatpark is strictly prohibited except in emergencies.

To help maintain the ecological balance of Spinnaker Sailing Club and your home waters we ask that all boats are washed prior to arriving at Spinnaker Sailing Club, and before leaving, following the Check, Clean, Dry guidance of the Royal Yachting Association.

As well as the local wildlife we share the lake with Christchurch Angling Club who we have a good relationship with. They have various swims around the North and South shores of the lake. Please be aware of fishing lines if you are near any of these swims.

## **Changing Facilities**

We have male, female and disabled changing facilities available. There are showers available in all our changing facilities. We have a small number of lockers available for valuables, these require a £1 coin to work, which is returned when the locker is unlocked (as you would find at most swimming pools).

## **Refreshments**

Spinnaker Sailing Club has limited catering facilities. Within the clubhouse there is a hot drinks machine with tea, coffee and hot chocolate for £1.50 a cup. There is a local petrol station that sells sandwiches etc a short distance away on the A338. We encourage all visitors to bring a refillable water bottle with them, and all taps within Spinnaker Sailing Club are drinking water, including one on the exterior of the sheds near the race hut.

The front galley of Spinnaker Sailing Club can be booked by organised groups to use to provide light refreshments such as tea, coffee and cakes on a self help basis. If this has been arranged for your event this will be communicated to you by the organisers.

## **Wearing of Buoyancy Aids/Wetsuits**

It is a requirement that from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> March all sailors, kayakers and paddleboarders wear as a minimum a long john style wetsuit or drysuit. Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times when afloat, and on all pontoons/slipways by those aged 16 or under.

## **Swimming**

Under the terms of our lease bathing is not permitted in the lake.

## **Smoking**

Smoking and vaping are only permitted within the designated smoking area near the south entrance.

## **First Aid**

All instructors and coaches operating from Spinnaker Sailing Club are required to hold an appropriate in-date First Aid Certificate, and during Open Meetings at least one first aider is on site at all times. Your instructor/coach/safety boat crews will normally be your first point of contact in the event of an incident. First Aid kits are carried in all safety boats, and can also be found in the Race Hut and in the Clubhouse on the wall outside the office by the sofas. Stored with the First Aid Kit in the Clubhouse is an Automated External Defibrillator.