

The Club & Facilities

Clubhouse

East Lothian Yacht Club is situated in a picturesque old granary, overlooking North Berwick harbour, purchased outright by the club in 1997. Reopened, following a major renovation in 2003 our facilities are greatly admired. From the entrance there is access to Ladies, Gents & Disabled toilets and changing rooms. The main Clubroom and bar are on the first floor. Above are a large modern kitchen linked to a multi-purpose well-equipped room, which can be used for training, meetings, catering for events and generally for members to relax in. There is also a small office for Race Officials and an additional toilet on the second floor. A new door entry system, using a key fob, was introduced in 2006 and members are required to obtain a fob by means of a refundable deposit of £3. The PIN pad will remain for use at open events only, when an event specific code will be issued to visitors.

Members may hire the club for private functions and if desired should approach the commodore in the first instance.

Training Area

A "wet" training area with shower and toilet area has been provided in our Rescue Boat store where trainees etc. can be briefed without changing out of sailing clothing.

Storage

The Club owns storage facilities in the harbour area, providing storage for Club rescue boats with additional provision for dinghy masts and foils. Application should be made to the Boat Storage Convenor. Dinghy parking, on the harbour wall and on the esplanade in front of the Scottish Seabird Centre, is administered by North Berwick Harbour Trust Association on behalf of East Lothian Council and contact should be made through the Harbour Master.

Teas

Teas are served in the clubhouse every Saturday during the racing season, even if sailing is cancelled, from 11.00–18.00. A Club Steward is employed to provide normal catering however a rota of Club Members will still be required to cover shortfalls and for large events.

Bar

Club members will help staff the bar on a Friday evening and after midweek racing on a rota basis. The rota is printed along with all the other duties, in this handbook. From 1st June onwards there is also a duty rota to staff the bar after Saturday racing. From the start of the season until 1st June a volunteer can open the bar on the authority of a Committee Member if there is sufficient demand. Otherwise bottled beer, lager and wine will be available from the canteen upstairs. If you cannot do your duty please organise a swap and advise the Bar Convenor. During regattas and social functions there will be a need for rota of Club Members to help and these will be drawn up as necessary.

Moorings

The club lays a number of moorings in the harbour and members wishing to use these must apply to the Boat Storage Convenor. Overtide and visiting moorings are available in the West Bay and Fairway.

Club Rescue Boats and Punts

The Club owns 4 RIBs which are detailed in the Register of Boats elsewhere in this handbook. Two club punts are available in the harbour purely for transport to and from moored craft. They must always be returned promptly to their moorings at the steps.

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Club Dinghies

The fleet of club dinghies is primarily for use in training activities run by ELYC. Members can ask to borrow a boat to take part in club activities when there is a club rescue boat afloat. Apart from Fun Fridays/Sundays, to request the loan of a boat please contact the Vice Commodore or another Flag Officer stating which boat you would like to borrow, what club event you would like to use the boat for and outlining your current experience. Members should have a minimum of RYA stage 2 (cadet) or level 2 and have completed an induction with the training officer. To borrow a Laser 2000 you must hold an RYA sailing with spinnakers certificate or have equivalent experience. The Dart 16 is only available during training activities. To book a boat for Fun Fridays/Fun Sundays please email bookfunfriday@elyc.org