



CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB

THE CLUB'S OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Chichester Cruiser Racing Club (CCRC) is a member of the Federation of Chichester Harbour Sailing Clubs and is an RYA affiliated club and welcomes anyone who keeps their cruiser in or around Chichester Harbour and the Solent.

The Club's Objectives

The club exists to provide high quality, low cost racing in Hayling Bay and the Solent for both expert and novice sailors. Racing is frequently followed by dinners and excellent social events in some of the best sailing venues. Full and friendly assistance is offered to yachts new to racing and free guest membership is available for a trial race.

Just call the Sailing Secretary or check the website www.ccrcc.co.uk.

The Club's Activities

1. Racing

The club organises bay races generally starting and returning to a point just outside the harbour and passage races which involve an overnight stay with a return race the following day. Members' boats range from 6 to 15 metres long and the VPRS and club handicap systems make sure that all have a fair and equal chance of winning. Members and guests can choose between 2 fleets: Alpha fleet (VPRS) and the Beta fleet (CCRC progressive club handicap)

2. Crewing

Many partners and crew join the club as Members and are the lifeblood of the club.

3. Social Activities

The season begins with the Annual Fitting out Supper and ends with the "Commodore's Bender" followed by the prize-giving Dinner Dance. On most race weekends members get together after the Saturday's race for onboard drinks parties followed by a hearty supper at either a Solent yacht club or suitable location. CCRC barbecues and musical soirées are legendary.

4. Cruising

The club racing programme supports passage races that finish in a foreign or distant port. Some members may prefer to "cruise there in company" either by sail or motor, to arrive refreshed ready to join in the dinner, musical entertainment and party at the destination.

5. Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

The club issues comprehensive race instructions which are updated in line with the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). All CCRC racing is governed by these rules and members must study the rules, amendments and updates carefully. It can really spoil your day to be on the wrong start line at the wrong time!

6. Race Officer (RO)

All owner members take a turn at Race Officer Duty once a season and non-owners are also encouraged to, although any new member's first season goes 'RO duty free'. Using his or her own boat, or on board a fellow member's or substitute boat as committee boat, the RO runs the racing for that day. This is an important undertaking without which the club cannot function; therefore a list of Duty Race Officers is published in early spring. The online system can help you swap with someone else if there is an unforeseen event that prevents you carrying out your duty. However, it is your responsibility to organise a substitute in a timely way having first consulted the Principal Race Officer.

7. Guidance for Race Officers

One RO duty each year does not allow huge familiarity with the RO equipment and requirements, and so most of us need some prompts and guidance. This is available as documents on the web site and within the RO's equipment that is passed from one duty member to the next. Provided the RO has allowed plenty of time to set everything up well before the start, then the duty should be thoroughly enjoyable.

8. Principal Race Officer (PRO)

The PRO is an experienced racing club member, only appointed having demonstrated the necessary skills. The PRO's role includes deciding (after discussion with a Club Officer) whether a race should be postponed or cancelled, selecting and announcing an appropriate course, and advising the RO throughout the duty.

9. Race Reports

Somebody always has something to say about each and every race, and Race Reports published on the Club's Facebook Group, written by members for members, are encouraged in order to capture the main issues surrounding the race and to disseminate it to all members. Photographs speak a thousand words, so are very much encouraged!

10. Safety at Sea

The CCRC is a member of the RYA and follows the RYA's rules and recommendations. It is of course each skipper's sole responsibility to decide whether or not to go to sea and participate in any race - please refer to the CCRC Sailing Instructions 17, 18 and 23.

11. Points Competition

Four points series are run within the racing programme for both Alpha and Beta fleets:

Passage Season Series
Bay Season Series
Spring Mini Series
Summer Mini Series

12. Membership and Yacht Registration Forms

The Membership Form is required from all joining members and the Yacht Registration must be completed for each Yacht.

13. Club Insignia

Club ties, burgees and battle flags are available from the Treasurer.