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## Introduction

We are one of the most established yacht clubs in Sussex with keen racing and rallying fleets. We are home to a dinghy section where particular attention is given to youth sailors, as well as a rapidly growing Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) section and a very enthusiastic outrigger canoe club. Our dive section has its own rigid inflatable boat (RIB), and diving takes

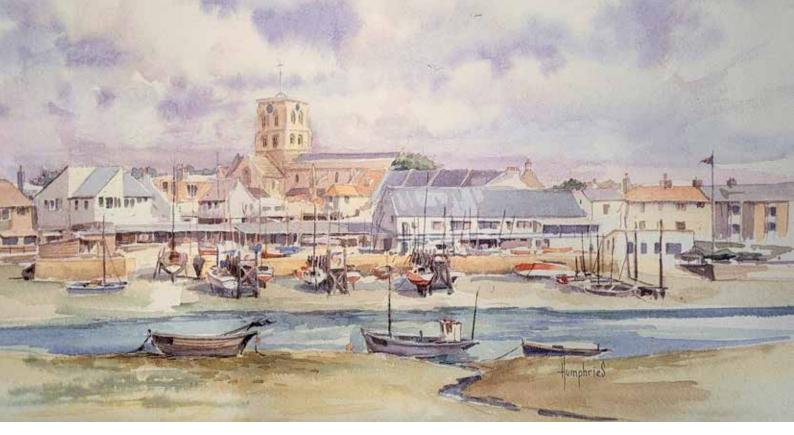
We are also very proud to have established Sussex Sailability, a charity encouraging and supporting disabled people to start

place throughout the year.

sailing, develop their skills and gain qualifications.

Membership at SYC is open to everybody. Join us to make the most of our 'on the water' activities, popular social events – not to mention our marvellous views of the river, delicious food, and discounted drinks available in our Members' Bar and Stow's Restaurant.

Founded in 1892, Sussex Yacht Club (SYC) is a members' sailing club with superb modern facilities. A home to yachts and boats of all sizes, our main clubhouse, extensive boatyard and moorings are on the river Adur and our original clubhouse and locked moorings are inside Shoreham Port itself.



## History

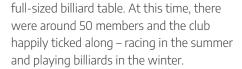
The Sussex Yacht Club was established in 1892 by a group of yachting enthusiasts to further the sport of yachting and cruising and is now one of the oldest sailing clubs in the UK.

The Club was originally named "The Mosquito Yacht Club" after the one-design yachts favoured by the gentlemen owners (the class itself was named after the blood sucking insects that once swarmed the Southwick canal).

At this time, meetings were held in a room at the Schooner Inn at Southwick which was the club's first HQ. It was dryly noted that the only reason the club seemed to hold three annual meetings each year was because it was based in a pub.

Shortly after the end of the first world war, on the 17th May 1919 the club reformed as the Sussex Yacht Club; however, this fast-growing band of keen sailors were threatened by a rent increase from the pub Landlord

In response, the 'Mosquitos' moved into a converted 40ft Brighton beach boat called the 'White Swan' from the Shoreham Harbourmaster at the time, Albert Sweet. This new floating club house even boasted a full-sized piano on board, which was subsequently removed and replaced by a



However, the White Swan was an old boat – and the amount of bailing required to keep her afloat suggested that another new home was needed. Therefore, in1926 it was decided that the Club should be formed into a limited company, enabling it to raise funds equitably from the members. This facilitated the purchase of the 'Old

Malt House', fronting the Southwick canal. SYC now had a large clubhouse and more water frontage than the neighbouring Schooner Inn – where they once struggled to pay rent on a single room!

This building is still in use today as the SYC Southwick clubhouse and overlooks the considerable club moorings.

During 1946, the facilities of the Club were further improved by the acquisition of land comprising a river frontage (together with a slipway, hard and boatshed situated on the south bank of the river Adur) which is opposite the current Shoreham Clubhouse.

In 1950, the continuing need for even further facilities for Member-use was met by the purchase from His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk of the freehold of Stow's Shipyard. This extensive freehold, fronting the River Adur at Shoreham, included a spacious clubhouse, excellent laying up and fitting out facilities and slipways. This We are easy to find and we have ample onsite customer parking.



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is now the site where the main clubhouse is situated, which, with the help of lottery funding, the previous Shoreham Clubhouse enjoyed high quality facilities, with full disabled access throughout.

The Club was granted, by Admiralty Warrant, the privilege of wearing a defaced Blue Ensign in 1955.

His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk, by whose generous assistance the Club became

established at Shoreham, honoured the Club by accepting life office as Admiral in 1958, and was succeeded by the new Duke of Norfolk in 1976 until his death in 2002.

In 1999, Brighton BSAC branch 007 joined with Sussex Yacht Club, enabling the SYC to provide on-the-water enjoyment in yachts, dinghies, rowing sculls, safety boats and diving.

In 2001, Sussex Yacht Club established Sussex Sailability, a registered charity

enabling disabled people to sail, which is now also a thriving section of the Club. Our past Commodore (and long serving member) David Skinner took over the role of Admiral in 2020, and remains a stalwart of the club

We also welcomed Sussex Motor Yacht Club back to our Shoreham Clubhouse in 2021, providing them with a waterside base which they had been without for several years.













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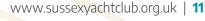


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Adur and Worthing Council purchased the land to build the vital flood defences Shoreham needed.

Sussex Yacht Club was able to build a brand-new clubhouse, which after delays due to the **Covid-19 pandemic and Brexit** implications, could finally open its doors in 2021.

Our brand-new clubhouse has been constructed with state-of-the-art facilities and meeting rooms, a modern clubhouse restaurant called Stow's, and private members' lounge with the clubhouse enjoying the best views in Shoreham,

overlooking the River Adur.

The Club currently has over 1,700 members and boasts a full calendar of social events in addition to its amazing variety of 'on the water' activities, giving opportunities for everyone to get involved.



## Joining SYC

Share the passion and join Sussex Yacht Club! Members are the essence of our club, so if you are interested in joining, the office would be happy to show you around our clubhouse and talk you through what SYC has to offer. Membership is open to everybody.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

We offer either Active or Shoreside membership. With both types of membership, you still enjoy all the benefits Sussex Yacht Club has to offer including discounts on yard services, club moorings and the great deals on RYA and other training at SYC. You are also able to take full advantage of our social events, fabulous restaurant, Stow's, and enjoy a drink in our members' lounge!

#### **Active Membership**

For those who are keen to take part in activity at Sussex Yacht Club, we have Active Membership. This membership is aimed at boat owners and regular participants (min 12 times p.a.) on the water. Whether this includes sailing, rowing or Stand-Up Paddleboarding, those who would like to take part in racing and rallies, those who would like to have an active role at the Club by joining a committee, those who are joining for training courses and those wanting to make the most of the boat yard facilities.



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#### **Shoreside Membership**

For those who are more inclined to the social side of Sussex Yacht Club, we offer Shoreside Membership. These members still receive the same benefits of Active Membership except there is absolutely no obligation for Shoreside Members to be active on the water - although if you wanted to try sailing or SUP, there is nothing stopping you! We highly encourage Shoreside Members to try out any on the water activity, you never know, this could spark a new passion!

#### **MEMBERSHIP FEES (2022-2023)**

Joining/Rejoining Fee	£36
Joint adult membership, inc children 18 years and under	£327 PA
Single adult membership, inc children 18 years and under	£225 PA
Young persons under 24 years or full-time student	£60 PA
Cadet membership 8-18 years	£50 PA

Our Membership fees (valid 1st October 2022 – 30th September 2023) are reviewed annually on 1st October each year. You have the option to pay annually or by monthly direct debit. Monthly direct debit allows you to spread the annual membership fee over 12 months. If joining via monthly direct debit, you are committed to the first 12 months\* and should you wish to continue your membership beyond 12 months, your membership will be on a monthly rolling basis. (\*If you would like to cancel your membership within the first 12 months, you will be required to settle the remainder of the years' membership fee.)









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No matter what your level and preference of sailing we have a good mix of competitive and more relaxing racing. We encourage crews at all levels to have a go, and although we don't give prizes to all comers, accurate ratings and hard work

can deliver results.

SYC also organises a varied programme of rallies along and across the channel. The rallies are usually combined with a race, but it is not necessary to participate in the race to join in the rally. Yachts can join in all or part of these rallies to suit your own timetable. Cruising in company is a great way to explore our coast; you can gain valuable experience and discover new friends. In addition to the regular racing, the Club also organises Pursuit Racing. If you wish to try racing, train crew, tune up your own performance

or just have a fun sail for an hour or two, then Pursuiting could be for you! You start in order of your handicap number (slowest go first), the courses are short and simple and very suitable for beginners to both racing and crewing.

Are you looking for opportunities to crew? We love to encourage all our members to get active on the water and gain more sailing experience. Some boat owners may have availability (which could be on several boats before you join a permanent crew).









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Our Club has a thriving and enthusiastic Dinghy Section. Racing takes place from the main Shoreham clubhouse in the river Adur alongside the new footbridge over slack water at high tide. There is also social sea cruising in Summer.

SYC racing caters for a mixed fleet and club craft are available to charter. There are generally two races during each sailing session lasting approximately half an hour each, with the faster boats completing more laps of the circuit than slower boats in the fleet. Average lap times are calculated using PY handicaps.

If you want to join in contact the secretary who can get you in touch with race organisers and skippers if you are looking to crew.

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## RYA Training

Sussex Yacht Club is a RYA **Recognised Teaching Centre** and all the courses offered are internationally recognised, following guidelines set down by the national body for our sport.

Our facilities are ideally suited to teaching beginners of all ages to enjoy boating with the benefit of Southwick, with its protected non-tidal waters, and Shoreham, which enables direct access to the River Adur. and the sea. Both of our club houses have changing/shower facilities.

SYC is also an ideal location for shore-based theory courses and training for practical exams such as the very popular RYA First Aid at Sea and essential VHF Radio Courses We also work in partnership with schools in www.sussexyachtclub.org.uk | 19

the Solent to provide cost effective practical training and examinations in the Spring, with great value courses designed to help members quickly and economically achieve success in Competent Crew, Day Skipper, Coastal Skipper or Yachtmaster Preparation.

The Club has a variety of sailing craft ranging from Sonar keel boats to Oppies for our youngest members to use and we have a modern fleet of safety boats with trained crews on hand at every sailing session.



## RYA Training | Practical Training Courses

We run practical courses at our clubhouses in Shoreham and Southwick and also in conjunction with renowned RYA recognised partners, which means we can offer members competitively priced practical courses in the spring to enable you to obtain your Competent Crew, Day Skipper or Coastal Skipper qualification.

Our partners use superior quality yachts, we have arranged to use their Beneteau Oceanis 38s, which have 3 cabins, 8 berths. There is a maximum of 5 students per yacht.

The club provides an instructor, who has instructed Coastal Skipper and Day Skipper Theory courses at SYC for several years.

#### **Sailing for Beginners**

These two-day sailing course using the Club Sonars, caters for both adults and

children 13 and over, from complete beginners, or those who have attended a taster session.

At the end of these courses, you should be able to sail safely and independently in light conditions, and subject to suitable progress, you should obtain your RYA Keelboat Level 1, 2 or 3 certificate. The syllabus will include helming (steering) and crewing a sailing craft on all points of sail. This backed up with workshops and sessions ashore, so you are prepared and



understand the basics of getting afloat safely. If conditions permit, we shall go to sea late in the course, which will enable the coastal endorsement to be awarded. It is suggested that you follow your training up with like-minded members with the Pay & Play opportunities

#### **RYA Power Boat Training**

This course is an introduction to power boating and is run using the club safety craft. It is aimed at complete beginners and by the end of the course you will

have covered all practical and theory requirements to safely pilot a powerboat in protected waters.

You will get opportunity to learn skills both on planing and displacement craft. Subject to suitable progress you will gain your powerboat level two (tidal endorsement)

The minimum age for this course is 16 except the youth powerboat course when age is reduced to 14. All participants under 18 must be members of Sussex Yacht Club before attending course.

#### **Safety Boat Course**

This is a weekend course for the experienced powerboat handler who provides safety cover for water sports activities

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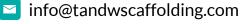
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### RYA Training | Theory Courses

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#### **Coastal Skipper and Yachtmaster Theory**

This is an advanced classroom-based course in navigation and meteorology for candidates for the Coastal Skipper and Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate and suits those who have already completed an RYA Day Skipper Course.

On successful completion of the course, you will have sufficient background knowledge to skipper a yacht on coastal passages by day and night.

The syllabus makes some provisions for the revision of subjects in the Day Skipper Course but those who have not acquired the knowledge set out in the Day Skipper Course are unlikely to be able to assimilate all the subjects covered in this advanced course in the time available.

Following on from this course you will have the opportunity to put these newfound skills into practice on a five-day RYA Coastal Skipper Practical Course. Several courses are arranged

by Sussex Yacht Club through our partners Port Hamble Marina for the Spring or Autumn in the Solent.

#### **VHF Radio Courses**

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#### **RYA Radar Course**

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#### **RYA First Aid at Sea**

The course is designed to provide a working knowledge of first aid for skippers of small craft working within 60 miles of a safe haven. The syllabus is based on the recommendations of the Health and Safety Executive and the Department of Transport. Upon successful completion of the course an RYA First Aid Certificate is issued and remains valid for 3 years.

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#### Pay and play sessions are growing in huge popularity at the club.

These sessions are aimed at members who do not have their own craft and would like the opportunity to get on the water either sailing, racing, pottering, building up hours on the power craft or just going it alone by chartering club equipment are invited to take part.

Taster sessions are offered for all on the water activity. An induction is required for members wishing to charter any of the club craft and agree to terms and conditions prior to approval of booking.

We want to see as many members out on the water as possible enjoying the river and coastal waters and sharing our passion.

You can find out more about pay and play sessions through our website.

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### Stand-up Paddleboarding (SUP)

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## Introducing our latest addition at Sussex Yacht Club, Stand Up Paddleboarding!

Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) is the world's fastest growing water sport allowing all ages and abilities to easily access the water.

The SYC SUP School is an official BSUPA (British Stand-Up Paddleboarding Association) school which has a team of knowledgeable and highly skilled instructors available running a variety of sessions suitable for all abilities including:

- SUP taster sessions
- SUP improver sessions
- SUP Sunrise & Sunset sessions
- BSUPA Ready to Ride courses
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- BSUPA Ready to Race courses
- SUP Social sessions... and so much more!

Our sessions use our fleet of 12 paddleboards run over high tide on the river

Adur and are open to members and nonmembers. Purchase of day membership is required to participate in sessions

SYC has a designated SUP Pontoon (which is available for all members use for to launch and recovery) providing safe access in and out of the river Adur.

For details on our upcoming sessions, please go to our website.

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## Member's Lounge and Stow's Restaurant

#### Member's Lounge

As our members are the heart of our club, the lounge has been designed to be a comfortable area for members to relax and experience a superb viewpoint right over the river with our floor to ceiling windows. Members can choose to unwind in our lounge 7 days a week, and should a private event be taking place in our function room, you would still be able to take full advantage of the bar, which is separated from Stow's

The bar hosts a fantastic array of beverages to keep every member happy, from specially selected wines to craft beers and ales, from exquisite smooth coffee to refreshing soft drinks. You are also able to enjoy your lunch in the comfort of the Members' Lounge for a more casual dining experience.

#### **Stow's Restaurant**

Stow's takes pride in delivering members delicious, seasonal, and fresh food at reasonable prices.

Members can enjoy Stow's Restaurant from Wednesday through to Sunday for a lunchtime treat and make the most of the panoramic views whilst perusing our handpicked daily menu, featuring favourite dishes, popular light bites along with more exciting specials at amazing member prices.

Stow's Restaurant is the perfect place to treat yourself and the family to a roast dinner on a Sunday. Our Sunday roasts are hugely popular, and we can cater for





all dietary requirements\*. We serve our famous roast dinners from 12:00 - 16:00 every Sunday!

#### **BOOKING**

Booking is essential so please call the bar on during bar opening times, or alternatively email.



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## Function Room Hire at SYC

Sussex Yacht Club is proud to offer 2 fully equipped Clubhouses which make the perfect venues available to hire for weddings, private parties, or meetings. If you were interested in hiring any of our spaces, please check availability with our steward.

#### SHOREHAM CLUBHOUSE

With its central, beautiful, riverside location in Shoreham, close to public transport, the Shoreham Clubhouse is the most soughtafter venue for any event. We opened the doors to our new Shoreham Clubhouse in 2021 where we have a variety of rooms available to hire for any occasion. The Shoreham Clubhouse has its own onsite car park, ramp, and lift for full disabled access to the building and its facilities. You can take full advantage of our talented inhouse chefs to create an incredible showstopper buffet or delectable sit-down dining experience to give your guests something to talk about! When hiring a room at the Shoreham Clubhouse, included in your room hire are tables and chairs along with facilities dedicated to each room:

#### Stow's Restaurant (Function Room)

Our spacious and stunning function room can be transformed for any event, whether you are having an extravagant wedding reception, special birthday celebration or business meeting, Stow's can accommodate you.

Stow's is located on the first floor of our clubhouse and boasts the best scenic views in Shoreham. Directly overlooking the river Adur, Stow's has access to the large balcony area, perfect for you and your guests to catch the bright afternoon sun or fresh evening air. Stow's also benefits from its own private bar area dedicated to your event.

Our versatile space has a capacity of up to 180 guests (standing) or 100 guests (seated) and can be adapted for any occasion. So, if you wanted to dance the night away with a DJ or band or even set up for a seminar utilising our HD screen, Stow's is the ultimate venue.

#### **Conference Room**

Our more formal Conference Room is the perfect space for meetings, networking, and corporate training. With its fully interactive screen, conferencing facilities, surround sound speaker system and whiteboards, our conference room is the ideal space for your upcoming presentation or lecture. We can also organise food and catering to be brought to your meeting or even set up your own tea and coffee station for you and your attendees. Our Conference Room is located on the ground floor of the clubhouse with windows overlooking the River Adur and has a capacity of up to 59 people (theatre-style).









#### **Doug Bishop Training Room**

The Doug Bishop Training Room, kindly sponsored by longstanding members, the Bishop Family, is a fantastic space for smaller gatherings, meetings, and training courses. Perfectly located on the ground floor with its own dedicated side entrance leading to a ramp, makes this the ideal room for accessibility.



#### **Admiral's Boardroom**

Our traditionally decorated Admiral's Boardroom has been generously sponsored by our Admiral, David Skinner, and his family. This is a smaller, sumptuous room, immersed in SYC history, suitable for more intimate dinner parties, small receptions, or corporate meetings. Our Admiral's Boardroom is full of character with antique furniture and décor and has a seated capacity for up to 14.

■ The Doug Bishop Room has the advantage of a hard floor and direct access to changing facilities, great for getting in from the cold in your wet gear! This room is also equipped with a large monitor, perfect for presentations, and surround sound speaker system and has a capacity for up to 29 people (theatre-style). A flipchart and paper can be provided upon request.

#### **SOUTHWICK CLUBHOUSE**

Overlooking our newly upgraded berths in Southwick is our original Clubhouse which is a multipurpose venue available to members to hire for private parties or functions.

Our impressive original clubhouse has a more traditional feel and atmosphere giving you the opportunity tailor the space to your requirements. When hiring the Southwick Clubhouse, you also have the flexibility to organise your own catering arrangements and refreshments, allowing you to customise your event.

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Celebrating the escape of King Charles II from Cromwell after the Battle of Worcester, the race follows the route that Charles took aboard the coal barge Surprise from Shoreham-by-Sea to reach safety in the Normandy port of Fécamp.

The apparently simple course nevertheless provides plenty of challenges for both enthusiastic offshore racers and the less experienced wanting to try their hand at some cross channel racing.

Once ashore in France, a warm welcome can be anticipated at the Société des Régates de Fécamp located right on the quayside.

For the less experienced, the Corinthian nature and collegial atmosphere of the Royal Escape Race represent a perfect opportunity to make the channel crossing in good company, with plenty of "old hands" around to share advice and offer support.

The Royal Escape Race takes place during the Whitsun bank holiday weekend in Mav.



## Boatyard & Moorings

SYC has a fully equipped working boatyard and is reached by heading up the River Adur and Shoreham Port Eastern arm with good access over high water. Our fees and charges are competitive, especially for members who enjoy member's rates.

We are proud to have a large private slipway used to launch and recover yachts and dinghies. The main slipway also has sturdy scrubbing posts which are free to use for members (booking is advised through the office).

Importantly, SYC has invested in a modern and efficient WISE 25 tonne boat hoist complete with a crane to handle engine and mast lifts. This hoist looks after most of the boat movements

Run by our senior boatswain and assistant boatswains, the SYC yard can be busy and boat movements should be booked in plenty of time. We welcome yachtsmen, fishermen (both commercial and anglers).

The yard itself is substantial and we work to accommodate short term lift and scrub movements, to boats that require more maintenance and repairs.

Sussex Yacht Club also has the benefit of its own moorings, with our newly







upgraded deep-water pontoons located in Southwick, along with mud berths situated up the River in Shoreham accessible over high tide, boats of all shapes and sizes call SYC their home.

Should you be looking for a new berth for your boat, Sussex Yacht Club could be the ideal place but as our moorings are very popular, we have a waiting list in operation. Club membership is required to apply to be on the waiting list.

If you are interested in our yard service or a mooring, please contact the SYC office.

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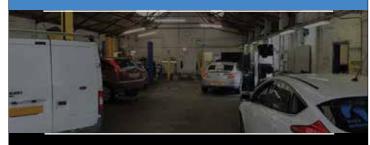
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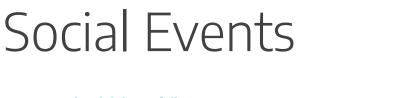
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Sussex Yacht Club has a full calendar of great social events to keep our members entertained throughout the year! Members can enjoy regular fun monthly events along with our much-anticipated large annual club functions.

These just a taste of club functions that members can enjoy:

### **Monthly Club Night**

Our popular Club Night is a relaxed social event, usually on the first Friday of every month\*, where you can experience a delicious 2 course dinner at Stow's and get to know more of our friendly members. \*Club Night may be moved to accommodate other social events.

The ladies of SYC are invited to enjoy a delightful lunch along with a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink on the third Wednesday of every month.

### **Quiz Night**

We put your knowledge to the test at the SYC Quiz Night! The monthly quiz is during the winter on the final Thursday of the month. Come and join the fun as cash prizes are rewarded to the teams who have done their revision!

**Ladies Lunch** 





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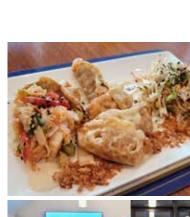
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### **Entertainment Night**

SYC is excited to deliver monthly Entertainment Nights for our members which changes each month. We have had the pleasure of hosting a range of great entertainers from amazing live bands to hilarious comedians to soulful jazz singers. Keep an eye on our website for details of what is coming up!

### **Prize Giving (Annual)**

Every year Sussex Yacht Club is proud to celebrate our sailors in a grand, black-tie banquet and awards ceremony, recognising and rewarding our members sailing achievements throughout the year.

### **New Years' Eve (Annual)**

Arguably the most anticipated event of the year, New Years' Eve is an excellent way to draw the current year to a close and ring in the New Year in great company.

For up to details on our upcoming social events, please go to our website, where you can also book

www.sussexyachtclub.org.uk

your tickets.



## Sussex Sailability

Sailability was set up by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) giving disabled people the opportunity to sail. With the aid of a National Lottery Grant, Sussex Yacht Club set about setting up a local branch called Sussex Sailability as an independent registered charity.

Our new Shoreham Clubhouse has been built to facilitate door to shore access and maximise opportunities for disabled sailing.

Our Fleet comprise of specially adapted boats suitable for disabled people to sail or to crew and are stable and designed not to capsize. We have a variety of craft enabling solo sailing in the river to coastal and racing including RS Ventures, Laser Stratus, Drascombe Luggers and Sonars the latter competing with the clubs' yachts at sea.

We have hoists available to assist getting in or out of a dinghy and a range of buoyancy aids and waterproof clothing. We have many enthusiastic volunteers who will make sure you get the best out of your time, to help rig, launch, recover, wash, and put away the boats and also to assist the less proficient on the water (more are always welcome!)

Sailability sessions are run regularly for disabled people as well as a Sailing week at which tuition is given to club members.







Several sailors who started with the Sailability sessions now sail regularly with the able-bodied dinghy racing section of the club and others sail with SYC members in their yachts. We have also had Sailability members qualify in the RYA powerboat level II course.

Sussex Sailability can accommodate a variety of disabilities such as learning difficulties, hearing impaired, sight impaired and wheelchair users.

Initially new recruits sail with a coach on the river, once safe, competent and if appropriate, you can sail solo if you wish. It is always at your pace! Safety first but fun is very high up on the agenda.

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# Scuba Diving Section

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We are a friendly and diverse bunch and dive several times a week during the main season. We also arrange trips overseas and to other UK dive sites. There really is something for everyone who loves diving. We meet at Sussex Yacht Club on Wednesday evenings throughout the year from 8:30pm onwards.

As a BSAC branch, "007" can train Members from an "Introduction to diving" up to BSAC Advanced per level. BSAC recognises the diving qualifications awarded by other diving organisation and members can choose to maintain their existing qualifications or transfer to the equivalent BSAC grade.

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## Sussex Motor Yacht Club (SMYC)

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### Founded in 1907, SMYC has a colourful history of powerboat racing and early aviation.

SMYC welcomes everyone with an interest in and love of the sea and water sports. It does not matter if you are a Super Yacht owner, a Motorboat or Sailing boat owner or if you have no boat at all. Whether novice or experienced, you are welcome! Sussex Motor Yacht Club's objective is to provide opportunities for you to expand your horizons and develop your boating

skills in the company of others. Indeed, one of the Club's strengths is the willingness of its more experienced members to provide support and encouragement to others, both on and off the water

The Sussex Motor Yacht Club draws together people with mutual interest in motor yachts: past, present, and future. Past members have included royalty and celebrities such as Rudyard Kipling, Charlie Chaplin, and Pink Floyd's Rick Wright. Members wish to honour and preserve

the proud history whilst looking actively at future power systems so that SMYC remains current, relevant, and exciting.

Sussex Yacht Club welcomes SMYC into the new clubhouse bringing its members and trophies for the benefit of both clubs.

For more information about Sussex Motor Yacht Club, please go to

www.smyc.org.uk



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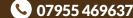


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