

WELCOME

**TO DHEKELIA SAILING
CLUB**

The best sailing in Cyprus

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Welcome to Dhekelia Sailing Club. As a member you would be entitled to make full use of the club's sailing and social facilities, (according to your membership type*). The club offers year-round sailing, and is the only RYA sail training centre for dinghies on the Eastern side of Cyprus. In addition we also provide RYA power boat courses. The sailing fleet comprises sailing dinghies of several types, which members are permitted to sail, including single handed Pico's and Lasers, as well as 2/3 person Bosuns and Albacores. In addition there are over 20 boats privately owned by members. The social facilities comprise the clubhouse and bar, the patio and a small beach area, ideal for families. The club bar is open all year round at the weekends and Wednesday afternoons, and offers drinks and toasted sandwiches at very reasonable prices.

**Sailing members (ie with Individual and Family membership) are full members of the club and able to participate in all sailing & social activities & facilities. Social members, which includes the families of Individual members, are able to enjoy the non-sailing facilities of the club.*

On joining, sailing members are encouraged to participate initially by sailing as crew along with experienced, qualified members. Training courses (see below) are regularly held and new members are encouraged to participate. On successful completion, you will be RYA "level 2" qualified and able to "take the helm" of any club boat, subject the usual sailing rules and limits.

We hope that you will enjoy your sailing experience at the club. **The Executive Committee**

Contact us: email@dhekeliasailing.com

SAILING

General Sailing: Every Wednesday & Saturday afternoons, and all day Sundays as per the opening hours above, subject to wind conditions as follows:

Up to 12 knots, no restrictions

12-18 knots, Only RYA Level 2 qualified helms

18 -25 knots, Only RYA Level 3 or higher qualified Over 25 knots, No Sailing in club boats (Red Flag)

When the Green Flag is flying, sailing is permitted

When the Red Flag is flying, no club sailing is permitted.

Sailing Area: As a general rule, all sailing in club boats must be conducted within sight of the club. This is the area bordered by Watson's Mole on the West side, the Officers' Club on the East side. There are no limits on private boats, however good sense dictates that you tell someone where you are going and when you will be back.

Junior Sailing: Every Saturday morning from 10am in Summer, courses permitting.

Racing: Club racing will normally be held every Sunday, unless there is a course in progress, or a regatta. Club races are organised in series, each series comprising 3 races per Sunday for 6 Sundays. Out of the 18 races in a series, the best 12 best results will count for each helm. There will be 6 series per year, winter, spring, and 2 each in summer & autumn. In order to encourage members of all abilities to race and compete against each other, each member is assigned a personal handicap, according to their experience and previous race results.

GUESTS and VISITORS

Guests of members are permitted to sail club boats on up to two occasions, accompanied by the member. In order to participate further, the guest must either take out temporary membership or apply for full membership.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership administration is organised around fixed membership periods of 6 months, commencing 1 March and 1 September each year. When you joined, you will have paid 6 (or 12) months subs up front, and you will be contacted about one month before the expiry of this initial period. At that time, your renewal sub will, if necessary, be adjusted to so that the following renewal will coincide with the end of a standard membership period.

Club rules do not permit “summer only” membership. If your membership is allowed to lapse, but you wish to re-join within 12 months of the date of lapse, you will be required to pay pro rata subs for the intervening period. (Entitled members posted out of Cyprus on operational duty will be exempt from this rule for the period of the tour).

CHILDREN

Children under 12 are not permitted on club premises unless accompanied by a responsible adult. Children of members who are 16 or over are not included in the “Family” membership, and require separate Individual membership to participate in sailing.

COMMUNICATIONS with MEMBERS

Almost all communications with members are now conducted by email. Please let us know if your email address changes. If you do not have email yet, please let us know when you get connected. We may also communicate with you by text message.

OPENING HOURS

The club is normally open for sailing according to the following schedule:

Saturdays 1000 - 1700

Sundays 1000 - 1700 (Club racing every Sunday)

Wednesdays 1400 - 1700

Sailing may be possible at other times if a safety boat is prepared, and a qualified helm is on duty. Privately owned boats may be sailed at any time, without safety boat cover, entirely at the owner's risk.

On all scheduled sailing days an Officer of the Day (OOD) is appointed according to a monthly rota. The OOD will be an experienced sailing member and is responsible for all sailing activities on the day, including the booking out of boats to members. On Sundays, the OOD will also act as Race Officer, and an assistant OOD will be additionally be nominated to remain shore-based while the OOD is on the water.

ALLOCATION OF BOATS

Members wishing to sail, must request a club boat from the OOD or Assistant OOD, and book it out in the relevant file. Any faults or defects in the boat should be logged in the same file at the end of the day.

TRAINING

RYA training courses are held periodically, (at extra cost) in dinghy sailing, power boating and occasionally offshore sailing. Application forms are available at the club. Training courses are available to non-members subject to availability, and the course fee includes free membership for one month. For information on scheduled courses, please refer to the club website or contact the Chief Instructor, (email: training@dhekeliasailing.com).

POWER BOATS

The club powerboats (RIBS) are only to be used for club safety duties or during courses and at all times must be under the control of a PB level 2 driver. Power boats are specifically not permitted to be used for any kind of recreational use.

CLUB WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER

This pamphlet contains standing information only, correct at time of printing, however the club website www.dhekeliasailing.com is updated regularly with the latest news and information about the club, including current and planned events and training courses, and a mass of other information. In addition, a club newsletter and duty roster is issued around the beginning of each month, and distributed both by email, and by posting on the website.

DO's & DON'Ts!

This is not an exhaustive list of club rules, but just a few essentials which members should be aware of. It is the responsibility of members to familiarize themselves with the constitution and rules and these are available for inspection at the club, or by email.

DO consult the OOD and book-out your boat.

DO ensure that you wear a buoyancy aid all times on the water. (Members are encouraged to purchase their own personal buoyancy aid).

DO hose down, de-rig and put away your boat & sails after use, (unless another member has sailed it after you, in which case he/she assumes this responsibility)

DO NOT rig or de-rig your boat where you will block the hard or the slipway.

DO NOT park your car within the club compound, please use the car park. (Bosun exempt).

DO NOT hog the sunbeds. On busy summer days, please use the sunbeds responsibly and do not take out multiple sunbeds per family; adult members have priority over children

DO NOT allow your dog on the beach, or in the water, and do not allow it to cause a nuisance to other members. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dog, if necessary.

DO NOT use the hose pipe to wash your car!