

MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

The current fees are modest and reflect the fact that club members help reduce outlay.

- Full membership for a family per year is £80 (and a discount of £20 is available for members who pay their subscriptions before 1st March).
- There is no initial fee for joining.
- Annual craft fee of £5 per craft per annum
- Returnable key deposit: £10
- Annual lower dinghy park fee (if space available): £15 per craft
- Annual upper dinghy park fee (if space available): £6 per craft

The Membership Secretaries, Terry and Angela Howard, can be contacted by email at nhebsc@aol.com.

The membership application form is available from the web site page www.nhebsc.org.uk/membership.htm.

VISITORS

Visitors are welcome. Please make an appointment through the membership secretary to look around, or join in as our guest.



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Membership Secretary 01438 XXXXXX

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NORTH HERTS & EAST BEDS SAILING CLUB

A friendly club near Hitchin



The club was formed in 1964 and is affiliated to the RYA (Royal Yachting Association). It operates from the Blue Lagoon, Arlesey, Beds with some 25 acres of pleasantly situated clean water, previously the site of a chalk pit. Access is gained through a locked gate to a track opposite the 'Biggs Wall' building on the southern outskirts of Arlesey.

The facilities include a basic club house (with galley, changing rooms and toilets), dinghy parks, slipways and jetty. There is ample car parking, and a grassed area with a great view



overlooking the lake and surroundings. We have sole use of the lake for boating; the only power boats permitted are for safety and supervision.

We sail dinghies and sailboards. The club encourages training, recreational sailing, and racing. Members can sail throughout the year, and alone on the lake at their own discretion.

The club membership is based on families. Many, but not all, have their own dinghies or sailboards. There are 190 dinghy parking

spaces, all of which are enclosed by high chain link fencing and gates.

A club newsletter, the Spinnaker Sheet, is distributed to all members two or three times a year.

TRAINING

Our instructors and assistants can provide all necessary training to members. There are sessions each Saturday morning aimed at beginners through to intermediate. We arrange other training events to meet the needs as members progress, for example, introductions to racing. We are not a registered RYA training centre, but we have RYA qualified instructors who can teach you to sail and take you through the RYA syllabus.

RECREATIONAL SAILING

Members can sail on any day of the week (except during open race meetings). The most popular times are Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sunday afternoons.

RACING

We have a race programme throughout the



year. We race on most Sundays, plus Wednesdays during the Summer.

The first race on Sundays starts at 10:15; we have 2 races per day during GMT and 3 during BST. The duration of each race is about an hour and we allow for breaks in between for refreshments and a chat. The Wednesday evening race starts at 19:00 and we leave site before dark.

CLASSES OF DINGHY

Permissible dinghies are monohull, less than 5 metres long, and with a Portsmouth Yardstick Rating (PYR) not faster than 1000. Sailboards are not restricted by type.

We race Laser, Solo and Mirror as fleets and all others as handicap.

CLUB BOATS

We advise gaining the feel of different classes of boat before buying, and the club boats are there to be used at no additional charge.

Our club fleet includes Wayfarer, Enterprise, 420, Laser, Solo, Laser Pico, Topper, and Optimist.