

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 £100 (and a discount is available for members who pay their subscriptions before 1st March).
- There is no initial fee for joining.
- Returnable key deposit: £13
- Annual lower dinghy park fee (if space available): £20 per craft
- Annual upper dinghy park fee (if space available): £10 per craft

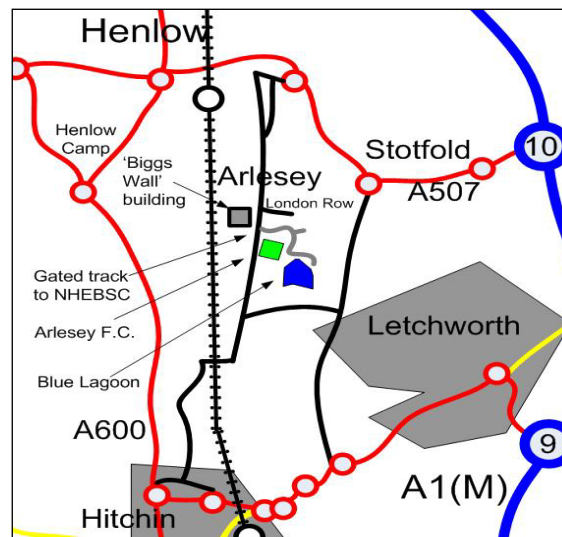
The Membership Secretary, can be contacted by email at membership@nhebsc.org.uk.

VISITORS

Visitors are very welcome, but please contact us first so we can arrange to give you access to the club, show you around, and answer your questions. You are also welcome to join in on the water as our guest.

Web site: www.nhebsc.org.uk

Membership
email: membership@nhebsc.org.uk



The Blue Lagoon, Arlesey.
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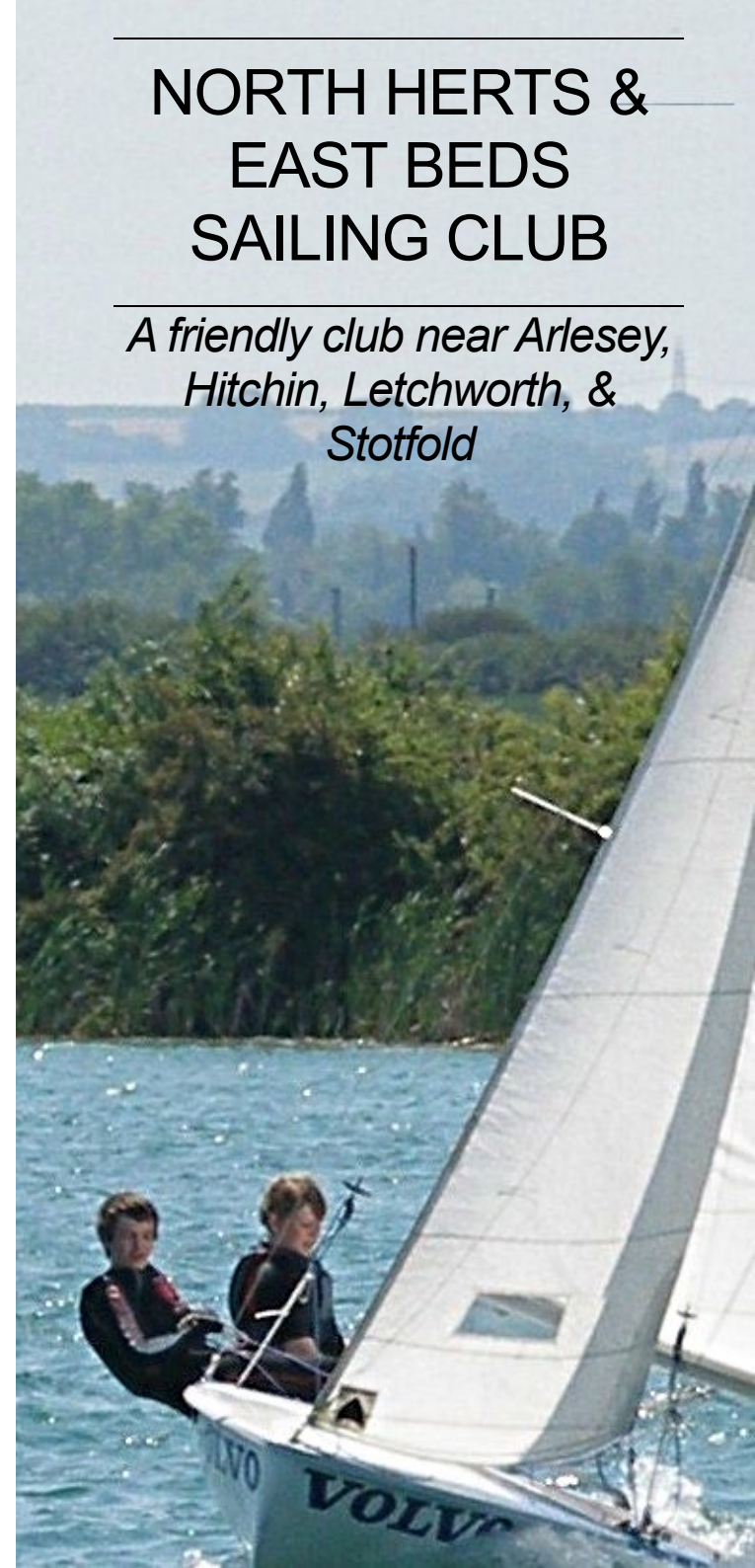
OS Grid for access road: TL191351
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NORTH HERTS & EAST BEDS SAILING CLUB

*A friendly club near Arlesey,
Hitchin, Letchworth, &
Stotfold*



ABOUT THE CLUB

The club was formed in 1963 and is affiliated to the RYA (Royal Yachting Association). It operates from the Blue Lagoon, Arlesey, Beds with about 18 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; power boats are permitted only for our 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.

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 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 for racing are monohull, less than 5 metres in length, and with a Portsmouth Yardstick Rating (PYR) not faster than 1000. Sailboards are not restricted by type.

We race Laser and Solo 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 Argo, Laser, Laser 2000, Laser Pico, Optimist, RS Feva, Solo and Topper.