



# DINGHY SECTION

## OPEN MEETINGS 2019

Snowflake	Sunday 6 January
	Sunday 20 January
	Sunday 3 February
	Sunday 24 February
Merlin & Hadron	Saturday 23 March
Optimist	Saturday 4 May
2000	Saturday 18 May
CYC Regatta	Saturday 16 June
Solo & Europe	Saturday 6 July
Dinghy Week	Wednesday 31 July – Sunday 4 August
Laser	Saturday 12 October
Frozen Toe	Sunday 10 November
	Sunday 17 November
	Sunday 1 December
	Sunday 15 December



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The Dinghy Section has a full programme of events throughout the year. As well as regular race series, the Club provides courses, coaching and cruising opportunities, whether in the 'lake' for fun or venturing further into the Chichester Harbour area of outstanding natural beauty. The Club has a large dinghy park with easy access to the water; along with changing rooms and showers. The Dinghy Committee works hard to meet members' needs but also relies on members themselves helping to make things happen.

## CLUB RACING

Club Racing provides a great opportunity to sail in company, with safety cover, socialise (on and off the water), and improve one's sailing abilities. Scheduled events take place most weekends from April to October, split into four to six week series normally run on a Saturday or Sunday, with two or three races a day. There is also a Summer Evening and a long distance series. The majority

of races are in Handicap Fleets. All classes and standards are encouraged to join in the racing, with novices able to fly pennants to indicate that they are starting out on this fun way to participate on the water.

## DINGHY CRUISING

Chichester Yacht Club is perfectly placed for leisurely sailing in the beautiful waters of Chichester Harbour, with popular trips to local villages and beaches. The Club is open on weekdays as well as at weekends.

## CLUB BOATS TO HIRE

The Club has Optimists, Toppers, Fevas, Lasers, Argos, and 2000 available

for hire by Club members. Members may, if interested, temporarily loan their boats to the Club, if their boat might otherwise sit unused in the dinghy park.

## VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION

The Dinghy section is run by its members. Each member is expected to do at least one duty per year to help with the running of the club events, and two if participating in the racing. The duties range from 'no-experience necessary' roles such as tea bar, through to safety boat driver and crew, and race officer. Volunteering is also a good way for members to socialise and, when the event is over, go on to enjoy the Club's restaurant and bar facilities.

## OPEN MEETINGS

Open Meetings are held throughout the year, with visiting sailors from other clubs around the country. In 2019, there will be Opens for Merlin Rocket, Solo, Hadron, Europe, 2000, Laser and Optimist. The Chichester Yacht Club Regatta (organised for harbour clubs), Dinghy Week, Frozen Toe & Snowflake Series are all Open Meetings.

**DINGHY WEEK Wednesday 31st July - Sunday 4th August**  
Dinghy Week is a fun-filled but relaxed 5 day programme of racing, training, messing about in boats and social activities. This is an Open Meeting, and sailors of all ages are welcome. Entries may be for the full week, or on a daily basis.

**WINTER SERIES OPEN MEETINGS**  
Chichester Yacht Club runs two Open Winter Series, Frozen Toe (November-December) and Snowflake (January - March). These popular events regularly attract over 60 boats and are normally held on alternate Sundays.



## LEARNING TO SAIL

Chichester Yacht Club is a RYA Recognised Training Centre and runs RYA courses for beginners and improvers, both adults and juniors. These courses are available to members and non-members. Pathways can be followed through one off courses or progressively, over periods that suit individual availability.

## IMPROVING YOUR SAILING/DINGHY COACHING

There are regular training and coaching sessions for adult and junior members. Sessions are booked through the Club Office.

- **ADULT BEGINNER**  
Start to sail, learning basic techniques with a coach, to develop confidence.
- **ADULT INTERMEDIATE & RACE COACHING**  
Informal sessions to improve boat handling, speed and tactics.
- **YOUTH COACHING**  
To improve single and double handed technique and sailing ability, typically in Toppers or Fevas.
- **OPTIMIST COACHING**  
For younger sailors who have mastered the basics and are able to sail a triangular course.
- **MIDWEEK SAILORS** - For those who have mastered the basics of

sailing and wish to improve their skills. There is coaching and a good social atmosphere!

• **OTHER TRAINING**  
Chichester Yacht Club also offers courses in Race Management, Powerboat skills and First Aid.

