



Chelmarsh Sailing Club

SUP Membership

Welcome to new SUP Members, we hope this sheet of FAQ helps!

Membership

How long is membership?

Membership can be annual (membership secretary John Dickinson (john28dickinson@btinternet.com) or monthly at <https://webcollect.org.uk/chelmarsh>

You can cancel at any time (but please inform us if you are leaving)

What does membership cover?

Membership is for an adult, but family membership covers one adult and any children.

Members have use of the clubhouse showers changing rooms, there is also a locker for valuables in the changing room (please ensure you return the keys!) Members can also use buoyancy aids etc.

Members can sign up for any sailing club courses and are welcome at all social events however the SUP membership is an Associate membership so you are not entitled to use sailing boats or rescue boats etc. except on courses and as part of any duties you undertake.

Do SUP members have a voice on Chelmarsh Sailing Club Committee?

Members are represented on the sailing club committee (and are welcome to attend meetings) Associate members are not voting members of the sailing club.

Can I upgrade my membership?

You can upgrade to full sailing membership at any time/ The contact is John Dickinson: john28dickinson@btinternet.com

Do I have to do anything for the club?

This is a members club, we hold days to tidy up the club, decorate the clubhouse, maintain equipment etc through the year, it would be great to see SUP members join in. The sailors also appreciate anyone who can help out with events (from helping in the galley to driving a safety boat!)

Communications

How do you get a group together to SUP?

We have started a Facebook group SUP under the Chelmarsh sailing club pages, but the main communication is through a closed member's only group. www.facebook.com/groups/418941692364989

What other ways are there of keeping in touch?

There is also a club newsletter sent to all Chelmarsh members on email each Friday, which includes sailing info but also SUP news. It helps as occasionally there are events where the reservoir is closed (big open sailing events) but more importantly it lets us know about social events and when things are going on, (you can sup anytime there is rescue cover solo) Get on the distribution by sending Tara an email titled TGIF list: tara@makingitpractical.com.

Add admin@chelmarshsailing.org.uk to you safe sender and recipient list to ensure it doesn't end up in junk/spam

Boards

- How much is board hire? Is available at two rates £20 for half days and £10 for shorter sessions. Boards can be booked direct on webcollect. Board Hire is free for juniors but please fill in the webcollect booking so we can monitor usage.
<https://webcollect.org.uk/chelmarsh/event/boat-and-sup-hire>
- Can I use my own board at Chelmarsh? If you bring your own board please ensure you have third party insurance (the cheapest way is joining British Canoeing or the WSA as this gives you a waterway licence too or if you just want insurance try BSUP) There is a discussion document on the SUP Facebook group with further detail. There are stickers in container to stick on board to identify it).
- Do I need board insurance? All club boards carry third party insurance.
- Can I leave my own board at Chelmarsh? You can store your Board in the container for a fee
<https://webcollect.org.uk/chelmarsh/subscription>

Activity

- What safety rules are there? The essence of SUP is simplicity so we have only a few basic safety rules, these boil down to NO LONE PADDLING always SUP with a friend or when there is organised safety cover:
A quick reminder:
Always wear a leash
Club Boards on right hand side of container, all boards on left are PRIVATE boards
Always carry a mobile phone in a waterproof bag and Buddy SUP unless part of a larger group
- How often do people meet to SUP? There are Social Paddles organised every Tuesday evening in the Summer, there is also a social sailing group on Tuesday afternoons who can provide safety cover most of the year and often on Wednesdays in the summer
There is organised Saturday sailing cover through the Summer and on Sundays year round so during these times you can lone SUP so long as you communicate with the sailing teams.
- Do you run courses? There are courses on many Saturdays through the summer, but we have sufficient boards to usually have enough for hire. The club is developing. Check the Facebook and TGIF pages for new activities and opportunities.

Key Info

- How do I get into the club house? Key code will be sent in covering e mail for the rear door, always ensure the clubhouse is left securely locked.

The above has been modified. See:

[CSC Re-Opening Policy](#)
[CSC SUP Start-Up COVID-19](#)

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