



Joining CHELMARSH SAILING CLUB



Chelmarsh Sailing Club
Chelmarsh Reservoir
Hampton Loade
Bridgnorth
WV16 6BL

There are a wide range of activities at Chelmarsh but all of them involve you as a club member. It's a very special place and entirely run by volunteers. We operate year round; Sailors and Stand Up Paddleboarders (SUP) often take to the water over the Christmas and New Year holidays, but swimming is restricted to water temp above 10°C, (wetsuits required below 12°C).

We certainly look forward to welcoming you into the club. Whichever membership you choose, you can upgrade or change readily. We hope the variety will allow cost effective and tailored packages to suit your needs. Any questions get in touch!

A guide to membership options:

Which Memberships are for you?	Sailing	SUP	Swim	Clubhouse and Social Activities
Sailing				
SUP				
Swim*				
Social/Radio Controlled				
*Swim members and any member swimming, must also join the National Open Water Swimming Coaching Association (NOWCA)				

There is an informal agreement that members assist with the club and there are opportunities to help with supporting all the activities. In time we hope you will feel able to contribute and help.



Chelmarsh SUP membership is available for anyone interested in SUP. Personal flotation devices (PFD) and leashes are mandatory.

We have a simple Buddy SUP arrangement, active closed Facebook groups and social SUPs. We often plan trips and events both at Chelmarsh or elsewhere. There is club equipment available for hire, our members often coach each other. We have distance measured courses and peer development sessions.

Membership is paid monthly and we have adult membership (1 person) or family (1 adult and children). Members can access the facilities at most times, although occasionally the water is closed for SUP when we have large sailing events. SUPs can operate at sailing times and we have simple advice on areas to use. SUP members also can and often do volunteer to support other activities and provide safety SUP cover for swim sessions.

Courses are available for beginners and available to non-members and we also offer Improver sessions so if you are unsure book one of these.

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Chelmarsh Swim memberships are designed for Open Water Swimmers (OWS). The club has an active Facebook page.

Swim sessions are Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings. All swimmers must be NOWCA members (currently £12 pa) and must pre-register for swims using the NOWCA Actio App. This provides us with medical and contact details and allows you to be scanned into and out of the water, providing a personal record of all your swims.

OWS membership is a Restricted Membership of Chelmarsh Sailing Club. Members join a sociable sailing club and can use the clubhouse, showers and facilities as well as having access to club swim equipment, (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).

OWS membership is paid annually and is set at the social membership rate for Chelmarsh Sailing (£55 per annum for 2021). NOWCA membership is mandatory in addition at £12 pa.

OWS members can rent Chelmarsh equipment at agreed rates (tow floats etc). We also have discount arrangements with wetsuit hire and sale companies.

If you are unsure about joining you can book a session through the NOWCA Actio App, with a swimming fee of £6 per session. This includes temporary membership. Ordinary Sailing Club members and SUP members may also participate in swims but must satisfy the requirements of NOWCA/Chelmarsh OWS with reference to competency and must become NOWCA members and use the wrist bands.



Chelmarsh Sailing membership enables members to take part in all other available activities without additional expense other than NOWCA membership for swimming.

Sailing takes on a variety of formats from those wishing to cruise and enjoy the reservoir and club facilities to those wishing to take part in racing.

The membership categories include:

- Ordinary – individuals over the age of 18 years
- Family – adult (over 18 years of age) couples or individuals with children under the age of 18 (at the commencement of the period of membership paid for)
- Student – those taking part in an approved full educational course
- Junior – individuals under 18 years of age
- Winter - valid from October 1st until the St David's Day Regatta in early March. The cost is 40% of the annual ordinary membership charge and 40% of the boat fee charge. Other temporary membership is available on request.

All details including current charges can be found at the link shown on the following page.

Sail Leisure – There is a regular group of social sailors who meet year round. In addition over the summer months there is often organised Saturday sailing. Leisure sailors are welcome to use the facilities when club racing is taking place on Sundays or on Wednesday evenings in the summer.

Sail Racing – A full programme of racing across all the fleets takes place throughout the year on Sundays. There is a summer series of Wednesday evening races. Its management is undertaken by all sailing members in the form of a duty rota. The club also hosts open meetings for fleets such as GP14, RS Aero, Solo, Laser, Supernova and British Moth.



Chelmarsh Radio Controlled membership holds friendly informal races are usually on Saturday mornings from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.

We have a fleet of Df95's. Youngsters are welcome with DF65 or 95. Good way of improving race tactics with some top sailors giving advice on set up etc. Contact Ray Andrews (ray@midtherm.com) for information.

Training @ Chelmarsh:

Sail - Chelmarsh is an established Royal Yachting Association (RYA) training centre for sailing. A wide variety of RYA certified and home-grown courses are available across the skill and age ranges. Information about these can be found on the training link shown below

SUP - the club delivers introductory Walk on Water courses and Improver and Coaching sessions. We also offer SUP Yoga. Our instructors hold Academy of Surf Instructors (ASI) and Water Skills Academy (WSA) qualifications.

Powerboat – the club is able to deliver 'in house' training to the standards required of the RYA Powerboat Level 1 and 2 Awards and the RYA Safety Boat Certificate. Courses are arranged throughout the year and those who gain the award may be added to the club's safety boat duty team.

Swimming - whilst no formalised swimming training is in place at present it is expected that this will become available at a later date.

Useful Links

Club Website <https://chelmarshsailing.org.uk/>
Membership <https://webcollect.org.uk/chelmarsh/subscription>
Training <https://webcollect.org.uk/chelmarsh/category/training-1>
SUP courses <https://webcollect.org.uk/chelmarsh>

Chelmarsh Facebook pages

General www.facebook.com/ChelmarshSailingClub
SUP www.facebook.com/groups/1203087083198663
Swim www.facebook.com/groups/846066702877417