

## THE CLUBHOUSE

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The Clubhouse is for use by Members and their guests, for a variety of occasions, parties, christenings, weddings and meetings, where catering can be organized to suit your particular needs. The Premises Licence sets out what we can and cannot do. Stricter policing is now in force, which means that Members must ensure to properly 'sign in' all their guests, as both Police Officers and Licensing Service Officers may enter and inspect the register at any time.

Application for Membership no longer requires to be Proposed and Seconded, this change was necessary in order to obtain the 'Awards for All Grant'. However, Applicants' names are still posted on the Notice Board and anyone having doubts as to the suitability of any Applicant, should inform any of the Flag Officers, or myself, before the monthly Committee Meeting takes place.

As members will be aware, there have been changes to the catering arrangements. It has been found necessary to introduce a curtailed week-day lunchtime service as that previously provided was not covering costs. The weekend and evening arrangements continue unaltered. Members are urged to utilise the culinary delights on offer and thereby support this important service and income generation. In the current financial climate, we cannot afford to provide services which are not justified. The King George V Suite upstairs may be booked for a more private dining experience, accommodating parties of up to twenty. It is possible to have a set menu put together in advance, with the food of your choice and an agreed price. In addition, there are now both male and female toilets on this level.

The agreed refurbishment of the external changing rooms is almost complete. Negotiations with Inverclyde Council Planning Department over the new dinghy/car park appear to be nearing completion, allowing this long-awaited project to continue.

The Clubhouse is a 'C' listed building of considerable age and requires a great deal of maintenance, much of which can be expensive and for which grants are not available. As in the case of the launches, any donations from Members to assist with upgrading and maintenance are most appreciated.

The Club values all its Members, especially those who put their time and effort into maintaining and improving our interests. It is essential for the future of this Club and also for the Sport of Sailing that more is done to encourage young Sailing Members to join. It would be good to think that this Club will still be promoting the sport of sailing to future generations and the Clubhouse will still be providing social activities for all.

George Fairhurst  
Honorary Secretary

