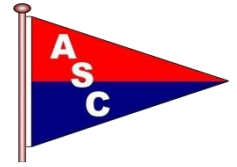


# ASHLETT SAILING CLUB LTD



## Ashlett Creek

### NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION

Welcome to the Ashlett Sailing Club, we hope you enjoy using our beautiful Creek and club facilities. You will find our club and members to be friendly, welcoming, and a huge valuable source of experience, advice and help for any problems you may experience.

As with any organisation with many members we have to employ some rules and club etiquette which we would like you to observe in order to ensure all members enjoy our facilities to the maximum.

We would ask that you keep us updated with your contact telephone and e-mail details, this will ensure we can send you our newsletter, keep you updated with information, and allow urgent contact should there be any problems with your boat etc.

We ask that you demonstrate your commitment to our club by volunteering to take part in some of our regular work parties. This is an excellent way to meet fellow club members, make new friends, and see how our Club actually works.

### SECURITY

Ashlett Creek is owned by Exxon Mobil and administered by our sailing club. When parking or working on your boat please ensure access into the club is always kept free to allow free passage for other members and emergency vehicles.

We would like to maintain our extremely low crime rate with your assistance. The treasurer has a number of secure keys for locks which include the club site access gate, clubhouse, North bank moorings, and the two gates to the secure compound. These keys are uniquely numbered and available only to current members for a small refundable deposit.

When you receive your secure key you will be shown the alarm operation and given details of the current code.

Please keep the access gate from Ashlett Green locked at all times. Our club buildings, which comprise the club room and boathouse are alarmed. Other doors such as the members toilets have a current door security code of C1960.

We ask that you familiarise yourself with alarm and current security codes. If you are in any doubt, just ask a committee member to explain how the alarm system works.

Even if you are unsure whether you are the last person to leave the premises, please set the alarms and lock all doors and gates.

To assist with our security please immediately advise the club if you lose any key .

## **ACCIDENTS OR INCIDENTS ON THE PREMISES**

Sadly, accidents and incidents do occasionally occur, albeit very rarely. We have an obligation to all members to ensure your safety, we also hope to learn from these and perhaps introduce modified safety procedures or equipment to prevent a similar situation occurring again.

In order to reduce serious incidents on the water we ask you take a common sense approach to wearing life jackets, especially where children are concerned and small boats.

Please be aware our Club premises are also a working environment for the repair and movement of boats. We ask that you all take care and be responsible for the safety and behaviour of your children and guests whilst on site.

So, should an accident, injury, or incident occur our expectations are that you would notify a committee member. (A telephone call is acceptable). Additionally, please place an entry of this in the log book which is situated in the club room.

For your assistance there are a number of club owned items which are available for your convenience. There is a Health & Safety policy which is on display in the clubhouse. Some of this equipment is only for use by specially trained members, so please ask a committee member if you are unsure.

## **MOORINGS & NAVIGATION MARKS**

All the moorings are private and maintained by you the tenant, as chains have a tendency to degrade quickly it's up to you to maintain them in good condition and capable of holding your boat in adverse weather conditions. If you need assistance then just ask, we want you to enjoy our creek without worry to yours or other members vessels.

Your mooring buoys should be marked with the mooring number eg FA23.

The Creek mooring buoys are in the process of being replaced by our Club, this will also contain a mooring number. Although the chain from buoy to anchor block chains are also being checked and replaced if found to be dangerous it will always be your responsibility to make regular checks and only use a vessel on the mooring if you feel it is safe.

If you are not going to use your mooring for several, then please notify the moorings master. This may result in a member or visitor having the facility of a temporary mooring which will have the advantage of keeping the silt down and your ropes clean.

In order to manage our Creek efficiently we ask that you do not offer your mooring to anyone else without the Mooring Master agreeing first. This way we can provide a better informed service to members.

Please do not moor to channel marks, we would ask you to repair, or report to the Creekmaster, any accidental damage to any of our navigation marks. You will find the maintenance log book in the Clubhouse

Moorings, mooring blocks, and our silt are sometimes difficult for someone inexperienced at setting up and maintaining them. Guidance on setting up and maintaining moorings is available. There is also a tremendous

amount of experience within our club members - just ask. Yours and other vessels safety/security are paramount to all of us.

Should you wish to be allocated a mooring, or perhaps move to a different mooring (this includes the pound or boathouse space) please complete the relevant form available from the membership secretary, in the clubhouse, or on the website. You should send these to the committee member in charge.

## **PONTOONS**

These facilities are for the use of our members and visitors to the club. Pontoon space is often at a premium so we have a few rules to ensure we maximize the limited facilities.

The end berth north side of the pontoon is for loading & unloading only, as such this is only for a 20-minute stay.

The Creek side (North West side) of the pontoon is for members only, the seaward side (South East side) is also for visitors.

Visitors should pay for their stay, either by paying a committee member or posting their fee. There is a secure post box safe near the Gents toilet. We ask that visitors complete an envelope (located next to it) and put monies into the post box safe. The current charges are 12/night or £4/part day visit.

Stays on the pontoon are limited to 5 days. (extended stays may be arranged with the permission of our Pontoon Master, or complete the form in the clubhouse).

Please be careful when using the pontoons, on the lower tide ranges it is easy to become 'neaped' which results in some vessels not being able to leave for some days until the tides become higher. We would ask you to exercise good seamanship to prevent this happening.

In order to prevent abuse of these simple rules a penalty system applies to members that are seen to unnecessarily abuse them. There will be 'visitor' charges of £12/night.

## **JETTY**

This is currently in the process of being replaced, it is situated next to the slipway.

The first berth nearest the channel on the East (Seaward) side of the jetty is a 15mins fresh water access berth. Vessels may lie alongside the remainder of the East side of the jetty (close to the shore) for a maximum of three days, this is suitable for repairs etc.

In order to keep the slipway clear for members, only vessels making use of the slipway are permitted to lie alongside the West (slipway) side.

## **SLIPWAY**

In order to manage the slipway and prevent frustrating delays we have a booking system via the Members area of the website – a code required to access the members area- see below. As a matter of courtesy to others, and to reduce obstruction time on the slipway, we ask that owners intending their boats to dry out

should not come to the slipway before second high water and leave by first high water the following day so that the slipway is available for others to launch over the remaining tide.

There is a £10 fee should you require the club tractor to launch or recover your boat. This will require one of our authorised members to drive the tractor for you.

If you leave any debris behind after scrubbing off or repair activity, then we ask as a matter of courtesy and safety for others that you clear this off please.

## **LIFT OUT**

Twice a year we hire a crane to lift boats in/out, this varies each year depending on the tides. This 'lifts' are in the Autumn, and lift in during the Spring seasons.

In consideration that the crane is an expensive hire for the Club, we split the cost equally between members using this facility, this then makes the costs to each member reasonable, understandably this varies from year to year.

These 'lifts' are advertised in our newsletter, and are also on line. Should you require to make use of this facility you will need to enter your details on the sheet in the boathouse. This is displayed usually from about 6 weeks before the lift.

## **QUAY**

The quay is situated in front of the boathouse and to the west of the slipway and has a mechanical crane which is also suitable for mast removal.

This is primarily for the use of vessels using the mast crane, but if this is not in use vessels may lie alongside the quay for short periods. There is no booking arrangements for this facility.

## **FOOTPATH**

Please be aware that a public footpath runs around the Creek side of our property. We ask that you be considerate to members of the public using this path, and respect the law relating to free passage by not obstructing this e.g. by electric cables.

## **CLUBHOUSE**

Please feel free to make use of our Clubhouse. It has cooking facilities, noticeboards, reading and reference material, internet access, good views across the water, and is a great place to socialise and meet other members. You are most welcome to pop along for our weekly coffee and chat mornings which take place each Sunday at 11am.

The committee minutes are displayed on the notice board for one month and are then available in a file in the clubhouse" in a file in the clubhouse, this is an excellent media to keep abreast on what is being considered for the future.

Various social and cruising events will be posted on the notice board to ensure you have every opportunity of joining in with Club activities.

Please note that it has no 'premises license' for the sale of alcohol.

Should you use any of the catering supplies left there for your enjoyment we ask that you pay for replacement by leaving a donation in the cash tin. Please be aware that if an item is named then you should not use it without permission from the owner.

If you require to use the club Wi-Fi, then the access code is displayed on the notice board.

It goes without saying that we'd ask you to respect the clubhouse, leaving the place just as you'd like to find it yourself.

## **BOATHOUSE & COMPOUND**

If you are storing a trailer in the compound then please store any extra items on or under it, any ladders should be padlocked in place, thereby maximising the security and area for others.

For security and tidiness within the compound please ensure all the property you store is at least one metre away from the security fence.

Please do not borrow any other members property without first doing them the courtesy of obtaining their permission first.

As with the Clubhouse, please keep your allotted compound area in a clean and tidy condition, this also includes mowing the grass.

Anything you store on site should be clearly marked with your name (and phone No, where applicable).

If you have an inflatable dinghy in the boathouse we ask that you keep it fully inflated or fully deflated – saggy dinghies fall over.

## **FACILITIES**

We provide rubbish bins and a skip for club waste. Please do not deposit household waste which tends to fill them unduly, preventing others using this facility.

We ask that under no circumstances you leave items such as batteries or used engine oil. Your local Recycling Centre will accept these type of items. We have to get one of our members/committee to remove them at great inconvenience.

## **CLUB DINGHIES**

Our club has several dinghies in the boathouse (sailing and rowing). They are available for members enjoyment so feel free to make use of them after familiarising yourself with the controls.

As with everything else and considerations to your fellow members please return them in a clean condition and as you would like to find them.

In consideration of safety please report any damage to a committee member and/or place a record of this in the maintenance log book within the clubhouse.

## **Club Communications**

The club produces and distributes by email, a monthly newsletter that keeps members informed of issues and activities.

Additionally we have our own informative web site at <https://ashlettsc.org> The open section provides details of the club, history, and many more interesting items. Additionally there is a secure members area which contains copies of committee minutes, various forms, individual contact details of the committee. There is also a forum and an on line calendar for the booking of the slipway, tractors, clubhouse etc. The web site also has galleries of event photos and much more.

The members area is accessed via the code **Ashlett2019**

There is also a Facebook page [Ashlett Sailing Club Members and Friends Group](#).

The Creek News is produced and sent out bi-annually by Jacqui Olden. Jacqui does a great job in presenting news of members, stories, adventures, and latest information. This is a great way to keep up to date with changes and what's happening within our club.

Jacqui is always looking for new articles for the Creek News so please consider sending her articles and photo's you feel may be of interest. If you e-mail them Jacqui will do the rest.

## **AND FINALLY . . . . .**

We want to promote a unique, warm, family friendly place where club members can escape the pressures of life and enjoy our Creek and fellow members. Come along to the events, take part in the trips, the work parties, you will be most welcome.

If you are a complete amateur (we all were at one stage) then don't hesitate to ask for advice or help. If you are an experienced seaman then offer to help bring the less experienced on. Catch the lines of boat owners and offer assistance to members who appear to be struggling. . . . . in short we are a club for each other.