

WINSFORD FLASH SAILING CLUB

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Winsford Flash Sailing Club welcomes all new members and has as one of its core aims, the encouragement of all-inclusive dinghy sailing. The Club has gone a long way towards supporting those new to sailing and has invested in a range of good quality training boats that are available to members on a first come first served basis, so new members do not even have to own boats nor have previous sailing experience. We try very hard to generate a friendly family atmosphere in which members in every category and of all abilities and ages are made to feel very welcome.

We are an RYA recognised training centre and club members will have full access to our training team and training facilities. We can provide a comprehensive RYA training structure, to all ages and abilities, from novices to race standard dinghy sailors. Ensuring you have the skills necessary to sail safely, competently, and within the rules of sailing.

Examples of dinghy courses provided: RYA Stage 1,2,3,4 (Juniors) RYA Level 1,2 (Adults). Start racing. Seamanship. Powerboat courses: Power Boat level 2

We have Friday evenings dedicated to our Junior training and selected fun-day Sailing Saturdays throughout the season for our Junior and Adult members. This is to actively encourage all our members to participate in sailing, to gain sailing experience and have fun on the water.

Some of the dinghies that are sailed at the club are (but not limited to) include:

Albacore, Comet, Enterprise, GP14, Laser (Standard, Radial, 4.7), RS 200, RS Aero, Super Nova, Miracle, Mirror, and Topper

We also have a number of training boats which are also available to club members for racing and social sailing: - RS Vision x 2, RS Feva x 2, Laser (Standard and Radial rig), loaned Laser Standard rig, GP14, Topper x 8, Comet X 1 and Sailcube x 4.

In addition, the club has access to Stand Up Paddle Boards (SUP's) x 4

Other classes up to 5 metres overall length are eligible to race at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

Organised racing takes place on Sundays between mid-March and late October starting at 12 noon. and an organised Wednesday evening series that runs from late spring to late summer.

A short winter Handicap series is held on about six Sundays starting mid-November.

Those wishing to participate in our racing series are encouraged to do so.

Some Saturdays and Sundays are allocated over to Class Open Meetings or special events.

We are recognised as having one of the best Sailing Clubhouses in the North West

The club has a good record in sailing events and offers keen but friendly competition for all levels of proficiency. Elementary training can be arranged for juniors and adults, and help and advice is always available to all club members from our RYA Qualified training team and our experienced sailors.

Members are free to sail from the club land throughout the week as well as at weekends, but the Clubhouse facilities and more importantly safety cover are only available when there is organised racing, so members are asked not to sail unless there is another boat within hailing distance.

The Clubhouse, galley, and bar are open on Sundays and Wednesday and Friday evening.

Also, many Saturdays when the club is open for training, Fun-day Sailing Saturdays and other events throughout the season.

A barbeque is available, which comes out when the sun shines! Club members can also have use of the barbeque, just bring their own food

A number of social events are held throughout the year, these are organised by club members.

Fees and subscriptions are comparatively low, partly because we do a lot of the construction work and maintenance at the club ourselves. Five working parties are held annually, two each in the spring, summer, and autumn, when all members are encouraged to help in maintaining and improving the club premises. Free meals and refreshments are provided.

Some members prefer to pay a Working Party Levy instead; this goes towards paying for materials and specialists to do the work we cannot do ourselves. It applies to one member of a family group or an individual member (over 21 and under 65) and is payable with the following years subscriptions. The full levy is £80, attendance at one working party in a year reduces this to £40 and two cancels it completely. Any member who has joined part way through the season only has to attend one working party.

Sunday and Wednesday evening duties are allocated during the year, either as assistant to the Officer of the Day to help organise the races, manning a safety boat, or helping in the galley.

Winsford Flash Sailing Club is a self-help club; members are expected to take an active part in organising the activities and maintaining the facilities.

The club is situated on the west bank of Bottom Flash on the River Weaver, Winsford Cheshire. CW7 4EE
It is approached from Way's Green, onto Stocks Hill. The road continues (new housing estate on your left) on for a short distance and then becomes an unmetalled lane. Turn right at the next junction. Continue along the lane with the caravan park on your left-hand side.

