

Wivenhoe Sailing Club

Wivenhoe Sailing Club, Walter Radcliffe Road, Wivenhoe, Essex, CO7 9WS

Boat Lifting

The club has a haul-out and winter hard-standing facility available to members owning boats up to four & a half tons displacement and max. draught of 5' 3".

This facility is run as a strictly self-help group managed by a small team of experienced and dedicated helpers who originally created the Boat Users Lifting Group (B.U.L.G.) as a satellite function of the club. The purchase of the boat hoist was financed by loan-notes from members and much ancillary equipment from donations by the B.U.L.G. which has now all been integrated into club facilities.

The group operates on a pooled labour or Labour Exchange basis. Boat owners wishing to use this facility must clearly understand the Self-help nature of the operation.

They must be willing to personally participate in boat movements and maintenance of the equipment. They must make a fair input of labour of not less than the total number of man-hours expended by others in the handling of their boat: in practice this necessitates the full participation in some two or three other sessions apart from their own boat movement day.

Many members give far in excess of this requirement.

Charges levied by the club are for the supply and maintenance of equipment and use of the Hard-standing. These charges do not purchase a service.

Owners must attend to be responsible for their own boat. Except in very exceptional circumstances proxies, paid or otherwise, are not acceptable. Members with physical difficulties or infirmities of age or health will be given every possible help.

It is absolutely vital that all participants abide by the Working and Safety procedures in the use of any equipment, including the masting derrick. Use is not allowed unless they have signed to acknowledge that they have read and understood the same.

All fin-keel boats must have a properly constructed, adjustable cradle which will fit within the internal width of the hoist. Shoring-up is not acceptable.

Queries and bookings can be dealt with by any member of the management team: Vice Commodore (who receives booking forms and payments) Ted Reddish, Peter Cook, Kevin Hosking, Chris Mullins, or Ian Hunter.

For reasons of efficiency, safety & insurance all use of any the equipment must first be approved by one of the management team. In the case of use of the hoist the necessary paperwork (and monies if applicable) must first be submitted through the booking system

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