



Welcome to www.littleshipclub.co.uk

The Club's web site is now a one-stop shop for all your sailing needs. Visit it for...

Club information

- details and reports of events and rallies
- sign up for crew places
- advertise for crew
- build a sailing page (or look at someone else's)
- blogs from members sailing in faraway places and in the UK
- forums and other social networking

Sailing information

- news feeds from PBO, Yachting Monthly, Yachting World, The Daily Sail and more
- links to the best tidal information sites
- nav notices from Lowestoft to Poole
- weather reports from more than 20 stations



The internet is proving more and more important for sailors everywhere with so many of us using it to get weather and tide information, pilotage instructions and sailing news.

Our own site is at the heart of our plans for the future of the Club. It allows us to reduce the cost of communicating and administration whilst providing a brilliant way of plugging us all into the wealth of sailing information now available online.

Already, almost 500 members have logged in and there are now over 100 new logins a week. Our new eBulletin has also proved very popular.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to try it out now. I'm sure you will find it easy to use and a pleasure to read.

We have paid attention to helping those members who are less 'web-savvy'. There are help documents on the site that explain how to use it in plain English. There is an email address: websupport@littleshipclub.co.uk where you will receive prompt help for any problems you are experiencing on the website.

By the autumn of this year, the website will be where you go to pay for rallies, events and other commercial offers from the Club. We'll also be asking you to maintain your membership details such as your address, phone numbers, email address and contact preferences on the website.

Perhaps most importantly, the website is where you can interact and engage with other members, swap notes, share interests and make plans.

All in all, the Club board and I see the site as an enormous step forward that will help us meet your needs, and those of tomorrow's members, today.

David Roache
Commodore

Official launch: 20 April 2010

Navigation menus

After you login you see the member navigation. Each menu group expands to show all the sub sections in that group. You start in the 'Member home' group. It will be opened out.

Member navigation

- Member home
 - East Coast
 - South Coast
 - Social
 - Sailing
 - Racing
 - Committees
- Membership Services
- What's on

Moving around

Press a new section head to open out that section. This is the 'Membership Services' section (below).

Member navigation

- Member home
- Membership Services
 - Browse members
 - Library links & news
 - Skippers & Crew
 - Training
 - Blogs
 - HPO list
 - Reciprocal clubs
 - Restaurant

Sections

When a section is opened out its pointer is down. A sub section has a circular bullet, not a pointer. Some sections only have a few items.

Links to the story

When there's a story promo in a sidebar click on the 'more' link underneath to get to it.



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Where do I go?

..every page explained..

Editorial

Although there are lots of pages in the site it should be easy to find the things you want because there is a clear editorial structure. Every page has a purpose and the editors make sure that things go on the pages where they belong.

Member home page

This is the first page you get to after login. The page features the most important stories and the most up to date stories. It also features important stories about sailing in general and outside the Club.

You'll often find stories here that you can also find on another page but only for a short time. This page changes quickly and you need to look at this page at least once a week to be sure of seeing everything.

The right side bar of this page has links to the events happening in the coming weeks.

East & South coast pages

These are the pages with details of rallies in each region and reports on those rallies. The pages also cover regional news about navigation, berthing and events outside the Club.

On the right hand side bar on both pages are links to



local tidal, meteorological and navigational sites. These links are semi-permanent and provide members with a useful one-stop shop for sailing in their region.

Sailing page

On this page you can find stories that are not regionally linked. This might be stories about foreign rallies, such as the Corinthians, or London-based events such as dinghy sailing. There are also general sailing stories that the page editor feels are of interest or relevance to members. On the right side bar there are links to all the events in this year's sailing programme and to the Crew and Berth lists.

Racing page

The racing page covers competitive events where members are taking part such as the Warsash Spring Series and the Round the Island Race. There are also

links to useful documents such as uploadable files of Solent buoys and replacement Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) pages.

Social page

All the upcoming social events (including Tuesday night talks) are promoted on this page and reports of recent events are also here. There are occasional features too.

Committees' page

This is where you will find stories about the management of the Club. As the Club changes, this page will keep you up to date with what the board is doing.

On the right side bar are the minutes of recent board meetings and of the meetings of all the sub committees.

What's on

In the What's On section there is a complete diary of

all the events organised by the Club. Events are listed by date and there is a descriptive story for each one. Every event has a category – either Rallies, Social or Training.

You can use the selector at the top of the page to filter down to the type of event you are interested in.

Press the page links at the bottom of the page for the next page. Or press 'event calendar' in the main navigation for a month by month diary.

Member forums

In this section you can participate in a number of 'discussions' between members. It's easy to add a comment to another members post – or start your own.

Membership services

The Club helps members get the best out of sailing in a number of ways. All these services are listed in the membership services section.

Browse members

This is where you can look up a member. Search on their first or last names or just browse through the list. Many members have uploaded profiles and photos of themselves. Click on a member's name to see their profile page. You can easily load up your own too.

Library links & news

In the library area you can read reviews of books in the Club library and recent news from a variety of sailing publications and navigation authorities.



Skippers & crew

Crew who want to go sailing on other member's boats and Skippers that need crew for their passages congregate on the Skippers & Crew pages.

Here you'll find stories about both as well as features on activities that the S&C team is organising. There are also links to the Crew and Berth lists.

A profile and sailing page is an essential starting point for anyone using the S&C services. See page 4 of this leaflet for details of how to make one.

Training

This is the section that lists the details and dates of all the Club's training courses.

Blogs

A score of members are keeping regular or occasional blogs – about



Skippers looking for crew

If you wish to add your name to the Crew Request application to the website the right

Voyage Description	Skipper Name	Boat	Requested Start/End	Expected Start/End
Lubeck, Germany, Copenhagen, Hamburg	Robert of Farnham	Yacht	10/04/2010	11/04/2010
Classed racing	Charles Wilton	Yacht	10/05/2010	06/10/2010
Timor to Paris (Palawan)	Howard Davis	Yacht	20/05/2010	17/05/2010
Lundy, Bideford, Bideford, and a few ports to be named	John White	Yacht	01/04/2010	01/10/2010
Samoa to Cuba (Bermuda)	Barbara Day	Yacht	01/04/2010	01/04/2010
Port of London to Plymouth	Alison Lane	Yacht	01/04/2010	10/07/2010
Edinburgh to the Orkney Islands	David Jones	Yacht	01/04/2010	20/04/2010

any sailing interest that catches their fancy. Some members are blogging from as far away as the middle of the Pacific.

HPO page

Honorary Port Officers are an LSC institution going back to the early days of the Club. All the HPO contact details are listed here and are there to help you.

Reciprocal clubs

A list of all the official and unofficial clubs where members can expect to receive a warm welcome if they identify themselves as an LSC member – with links to their web sites.

Restaurant

An up to date set of menus for Club night, Club lunch for each day of the week plus the monthly à la carte menu in the Club restaurant (available Monday to Friday lunchtimes).

Skippers & Crew... your questions answered

Q How do I find a berth?

A Press the Skippers looking for crew link on the right hand side of the S&C page or from the Membership Services menu under Skippers & Crew. The next page is a summary listing of all the available berths.

To look at the detail of the passage being advertised click on the passage – this will take you to the passage description page. To find out more about the skipper click on their name. This takes you to their profile.

Q How do I enter a berth request?

A On the S&C page click on the Enter a Berth request link on the right side bar. The next page is a Berth request form. Fill it in and press submit.



Wherever you see this sign you can click to download help files.

There are help files on:

- Logging in and Passwords
- Sailing & Profile pages
- Crew & Berth requests
- Writing a blog
- Linking to a pdf
- Linking to a website
- Putting in a photo
- Resizing photos



“Our website is a wonderful development to building the camaraderie of the sea.”

Club president,
Sir Robin Knox-Johnston

The web team

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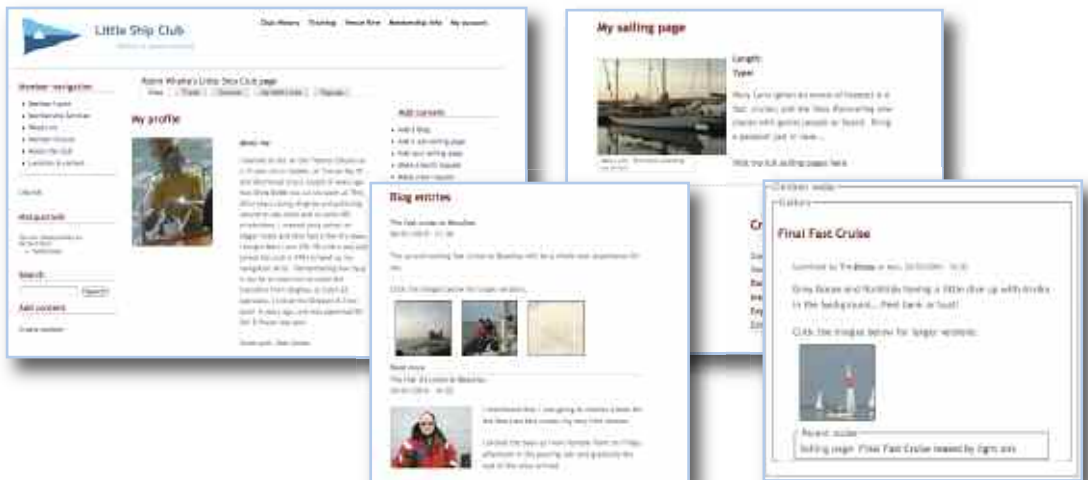
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Your personal pages

Member pages

Every member can make their own profile page, a sailing page, crew and berth requests and keep a blog. Together these personal pages are the way that you can get to know other members and they can get to know you. Press ‘My account’ to get to your pages (see above).

You can do lots with your personal pages – from keeping a voyage log to running your annual racing or cruising programme. Some members just use these pages to keep a gallery of their cruising holiday snaps, whilst others list their entire sail inventories. It’s up to you...



Profile

We would like every member to make a profile. This is a short (50-100 word) biography and a small picture. It tells members who you are, how you got into sailing and helps them recognise you – at the bar or on the water.

More and more members are now filling these in. These profiles are also the base entry for Berth or Crew requests.

Sailing page

Your sailing page is the place to tell other members what sort of sailing you like to do and perhaps to tell some stories about the sailing you have done.

If you’re a boat owner this is also the place where you can describe your boat, its organisation and equipment. Some members use this page to keep their sailing plans for the year.

Blogs

This is effectively an online diary where you can make a log of a voyage or describe the plans you are making and how they are changing over time.

Other members use their blog to make occasional commentary about things they are doing or thoughts they have about sailing.

A blog is a personal memento – but one that you would like to share with others. You can make your blog (or your sailing page) available to non-members if you like.

Galleries

Galleries are just what they say – a place where you can upload snapshots that you would like to share. Again, these pages can be made available to non-members so that family or friends can see your photos.

Members can share rally photos in galleries and they can also be used in event reports. It’s a perfect way to share.