

Welcome to Colne Yacht Club

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General information


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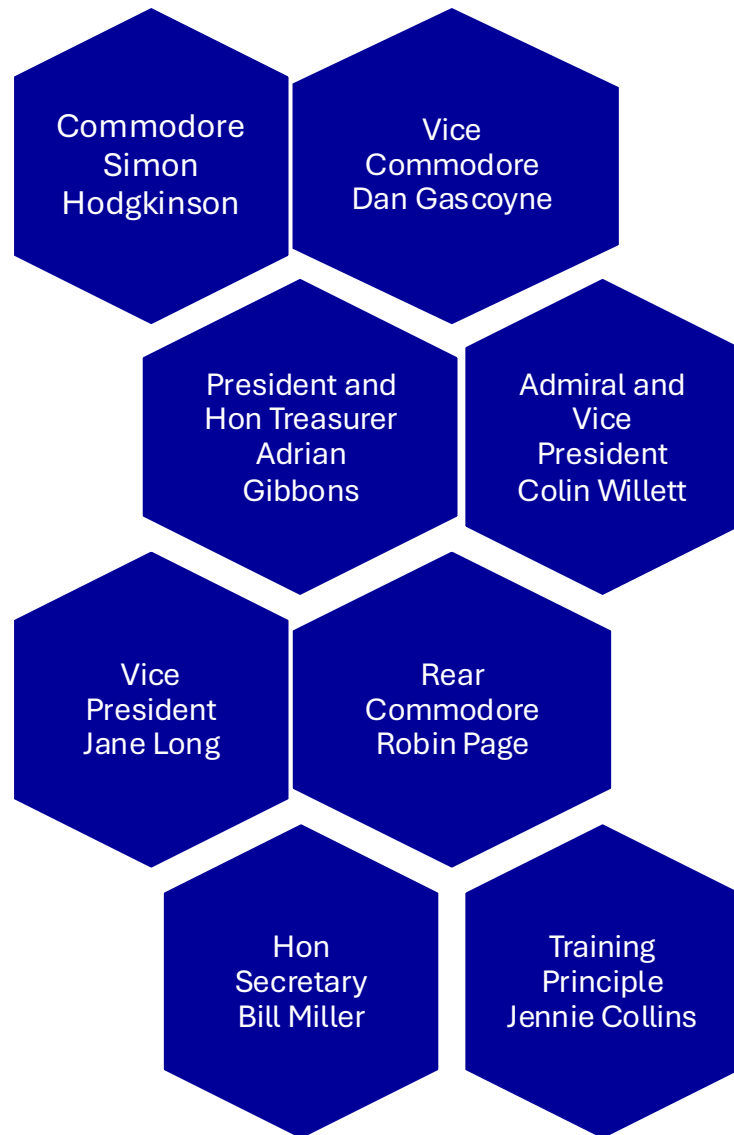
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<https://colneyachtclub.org.uk>

Parking: A public car park is just a minute's walk from the Clubhouse. Limited on-road parking is available in front of the Club (30-minute limit from May to September), and under-club parking is allowed for up to 12 hours. **To park under the Clubhouse, members must display a CYC car sticker available from the office**

 **Flood Warning:** The area may flood at high tide—especially above 5m—so check tide times before parking.



The Heart of Our Club: Celebrating Our Volunteers

At the core of our yacht club's success is something truly special—our volunteers. These individuals are the wind in our sails, giving their time, energy, and passion to keep our club thriving.

Volunteers play a vital role in every aspect of club life. Their contributions allow us to offer a wide range of activities and events while keeping membership accessible and affordable.

But their impact goes far beyond logistics. Volunteers help create the warm, welcoming atmosphere that defines our community. They share knowledge, build friendships, and inspire others to get involved. Many have been with us for years, preserving our traditions and guiding the next generation of sailors.

We are incredibly grateful for everything our volunteers do. Their commitment not only keeps the club running—it keeps our spirit alive.

Interested in getting involved? Whether you have a few hours to spare or want to take on a bigger role, there's always a place for you. Speak to a committee member or drop us a message—we'd love to welcome you aboard.

Cruising



Zorra, Shearjoy and Ostara

Sail Together, Laugh Together with the Sundowners

Join our Cruising Section for relaxed, sociable adventures along the East Coast and Thames Estuary—open to both yachts and motorboats. We organize friendly, non-competitive cruises to marinas and anchorages, perfect for newcomers and seasoned sailors alike.

Expect fun-filled weekends, themed rallies (yes, sometimes with colour coordination!), and the occasional passage race for those who like a bit of a thrill. For our more adventurous members, the highlight is the three-day joint club rally to Ostend.

To find out more about this friendly group please contact Sundowner Captain Chris Paveley

- By email chris.paveley@me.com
- By phone or WhatsApp 07887 508868

Keelboat racing



All CYC members are invited to race, you are more than welcome to race your own boat or if you are interested in crewing some members are looking for crew on their boats.

Sailing instructions, courses, the race programme and all information is on the website and can be downloaded.

The boats that race are a mixture of shapes and sizes and all are welcome. We race under the YTC rating system.

If you are interested in racing and want to ask any questions, please email Rear Commodore Robin Page

Robin@strong-point.co.uk

Sailing documents can be found at

- <https://colneyachtclub.org.uk/sailing-documents/>

Training



Learn, sail, grow

The CYC Sail Training Centre operates and maintains a fleet of four Hunter Sonatas, delivering a full range of RYA National Sailing Scheme courses—from RYA Keelboat Levels 1 to 3, plus Sailing with Spinnakers, Seamanship, and Start Racing.

Powerboat training is also available with RYA PB2 offered throughout the summer

Alongside formal training, members can join our Sonata activity groups, all coordinated through the Training Centre and following the same safety and training standards:

- Sunday Sonata Sailing (SSS) – Perfect for weekend sailors without their own boat, offering valuable time on the water to practise and progress.

Sail, socialize and sharpen your skills!

Women on the Water (WOW) and Blokes on Boats (BOB) are friendly groups who meet weekly to sail together throughout the summer.

No prior sailing experience is necessary and lifejackets are provided.

Club Keelboats & Dinghies – Ready When You Are

Our club fleet is available for both cadets and adult members, offering a great way to get on the water without owning a boat. The lineup includes:

- Sonata 23' cruising keelboats – Available to qualified helms for £48/day
- Dinghies – Topaz, Wayfarer, Dart 15, Sport 14, Laser 2, and Topper
- Members can borrow these boats outside of Saturday mornings, Activity Week, and Race Week (when cadets have priority).
- All enquiries about our groups or using Club boats waterside@colneyachtclub.org.uk



Cadets



Cadets – Sailing, Fun & Friendship

Our vibrant Cadet section welcomes young sailors aged 8 to 18, whether they're complete beginners or seasoned crew. The only requirement? They must be able to swim 50 metres.

Cadet sessions run every Saturday from May to September, 09:30–12:00, using both club dinghies and family-owned boats. These sessions are informal, fun-focused, aiming to build confidence and enjoyment on the water. Children are required to join as Cadets there is no weekly fee.

Activity Week is the highlight of the year—a week packed with water-based adventures and evening events. It's hugely popular, so early booking is essential!

We rely on parental involvement and welcome volunteers to help maintain a safe and supportive environment.

If you can lend a hand, we'd love to have you aboard!

Email cadets@colneyachtclub.org.uk

Social Programme – More Than Just Sailing



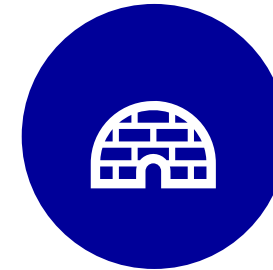
NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO BE ON THE WATER YEAR-ROUND—AND FOR SOME, IT'S NOT EVEN AN OPTION! THAT'S WHY WE OFFER A LIVELY CALENDAR OF SOCIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



FROM THEMED DINNERS TO QUIZ NIGHTS AND SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. THE MAIN EVENTS ARE LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE



KEEP AN EYE ON THE BI-WEEKLY POOP DECK E-NEWS AND OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR POP-UP EVENTS AND UPDATES.




MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO BRING GUESTS (JUST SIGN THEM IN—UP TO SIX VISITS PER GUEST PER YEAR).



For social enquiries please contact the Social Secretaries- Sharon or Paul 07789 930072

Our Clubhouse- the heart of our club


Perched above the beautiful Colne Estuary, our Clubhouse offers a warm, welcoming space for members, guests, and visiting yachtsmen to relax, dine, and enjoy the best view in Essex.

 **Bar** Our members' bar serves a wide selection of beers, wines, spirits, and soft drinks. It's open to members aged 14 and over, while younger members and guests can unwind in the adjacent lounge and restaurant area.

Well behaved dogs are welcome on the balcony only and should be kept on a lead please

 **Seasonal opening hours** are listed on our website:  www.colneyachtclub.org.uk

We have an active social calendar with events open to all members! You'll also find updates in our members' newsletter "**Poopdeck**"


 **Private Functions** From intimate meetings to weddings for over 100 guests, the Clubhouse is available for private hire. Please contact waterside@colneyachtclub.org.uk for all enquiries





Facilities

Boatyard – Secure Storage & Maintenance

Located on Tower Street, the Club's one-acre, concrete-surfaced boatyard offers secure winter storage and maintenance space, complete with power and water.


The yard is managed by Patrick Tanner( 07977 995636) during working hours.

 **Parking:** Please arrange in advance—spaces may be allocated to dinghies or launching tractors.

-  **Access:** Gates open at sunrise and close at sunset. A key is available from the Bar Steward during bar hours. It must be signed out and returned after use.

Jetty – Quick Stops & Handy Facilities

Our jetty and hammerhead remain afloat at all but the lowest spring tides. While mooring isn't permitted, you're welcome to stop briefly to load or unload supplies.

 **Fresh Water:**
A tap and hose are available for use at £1 per 15 minutes. The payment slot is located on the right-hand side of the Club building.

 **Facilities Include:**

- Club trolleys and trailers
- Dinghy racks (subject to availability – waiting list may apply)
- Outboard wash-out station
- Local shops for provisions just a 5 minute walk away

Club Rules

A few guidelines to keep us all happy and safe!

All members, guests, and visitors use the Club and its facilities at their own risk.

The Club accepts no liability for:

Loss or damage to personal property

Personal injury, regardless of cause

Smoking Policy

Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is not permitted inside the Club or near entrances.

[Club Rules – Colne Yacht Club](#)

Jetty Rules

The jetty is for CYC members only, except for visiting yachtsmen who must sign the Visitors' Book upon arrival.

- No mooring for commercial use (e.g. fishing trips, sales demos)
- No vehicles on the jetty; trailers must be removed after launching
- No swimming or fishing from the jetty
- No boat maintenance (painting, cleaning, repairs) on the jetty
- Tenders may only be moored briefly behind the hammerhead
- Large craft (max 40ft) may use the seaward face for up to 15 minutes and must not be left unattended
- Children under 8 must wear lifejackets and be supervised
- Dinghies must be stored in racks and not dragged over decking

Welcome Aboard!

For more information on your club, please
see the website or contact our club
administrator.

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Commodore Simon Hodgkinson