



1-3 Pier Place, Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent ME2 4UY

Upnor Sailing Club was founded over 40 years ago and provides attractive facilities for amateur yachtsmen and women and their crews. A Clubhouse was established at Lower Upnor some 20 years ago by the refurbishment of three traditional waterfront cottages. This was achieved through the devoted efforts of the members and the Club now owns a property with superb views of the Medway, along with adequate enclosed car parking space.

The Club has laid 87 moorings opposite the Clubhouse, approximately half of which are “deep water”. Moorings are allocated on a basis of seniority of membership but at the present time we have a few deep water moorings available. The Club has its own tender park, causeway and half tide scrubbing posts.

Every year the Club provides an interesting cruising programme for its members. Cruising-in-company is organised for both local coastal and continental waters. Many members enjoy racing their yachts and are well catered for by the Upnor Sailing Club races, and for those who wish more serious racing, by the Medway Yachting Association Series of races held annually. Those members with a preference for occasional “fun races” are also well looked after.

The Club has a licensed bar, which members use mainly on Wednesday evenings and at weekends, and an excellent social programme is arranged with most events being held during the laying up season. More serious evenings are devoted to lectures etc. on topics of interest to yachtsmen/women and their families. During most winters courses are run which lead to RYA (shore based) qualifications and to VHF certificates.

The Club has a strong tradition of self-help and all members are expected to contribute their time and skill in helping to maintain the fabric of the Club and its moorings, security patrols, helping behind the bar etc. Such duties are generally enjoyable and contribute towards making the Club a friendly, co-operative and close knit community.

The Club's current fees and annual subscriptions are:

Entrance Fee	£140 (not applicable until August2017)
Full Membership	£157.50
Family Membership	£236.25
Crewing Membership	£31.50
Junior Member	£39.38
Cadet Member	£15.50

Moorings fees are appropriate to a yacht's length and type of mooring.

The Club does not cater for motor cruisers or sailing dinghies.



Application process and guidance for applicants How to apply to join the Club

Applicants who wish to join Upnor Sailing Club must obtain support from two Club members, who will need to **propose** and **second** the application.

Complete the application form in full and send, **with a letter of support from your proposer attached**, to the Membership Secretary at the Club Ian Chivers. (If you do not know anyone at the Club, visit the Clubhouse, which is open most Wednesday evenings, and some Sunday lunchtimes, to meet the members).

If you require a **mooring**, you should discuss your needs with the **Mooring Master** (Ian Campbell 01634 735489). Those who are offered a temporary mooring will be expected to apply to join the Club, however the offer of a mooring does not automatically assume you will be offered membership of the Club.

What happens next?

Once received, your application will be presented at the next General Committee meeting. If agreed, the application form will be posted on the Clubhouse notice board for Member information and comment. You will be advised by letter that this process has started. During this period you are expected to visit the Clubhouse on at least two occasions to meet the members and introduce yourself. This will also help you to find out more about the Club and whether it will suit your needs. You will be informed about the Club programme and will be welcome to use the Club facilities and join Club events while your application is being considered.

Your application will then be considered at the next General Committee meeting, and if supported, you will be invited in for an interview with one or more members of the General Committee. Their views will then be presented at the next meeting of the General Committee and a decision will be made regarding the offer of membership to the Club.

If offered membership you will be notified that you have been elected and advised of the amount due. This will depend on the type of membership offered and be pro-rata for the remainder of the year. The offer will be held open for one month following the date of that letter.

Once your fee has been received you will be confirmed as a member and sent a membership pack. This date will become your **joining date** and will determine your seniority for allocation of moorings.

We feel it is very important that this process is undertaken with due consideration to the existing membership and ethos of the Club and it can therefore take some time for the application process to be completed. The Club is run by the members, for the members, and you will be asked to help in a variety of ways. Please contribute wherever you can to the continued success of Upnor Sailing Club.

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Please return to the membership secretary

Ian Chivers
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Kent
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Phone Home 01233 333329

Phone (Mob) 07730043180

Application for Membership Form

Name.....Date of birth.....

Name of Partner.....Date of Birth.....

Address.....Post Code.....

Phone.....Mob.....email.....

Occupation.....

Type of membership applied for Please tick one box

Full

Family

Crewing

Junior

Cadet

Are you a member of other clubs? Y/N If yes please provide details.....

Yacht Class / Type.....Name.....

Length (meters).....Beam.....Draft.....Keel type.....

Will you apply for club mooring? Y/N Will you apply for a Dinghy park space? Y/N

Moorings are subject to availability, Please complete page two for mooring application.

Signature of applicant.....Dated.....

Proposer.....Signature.....

Seconded.....Signature.....

A letter of commendation is required by the proposer. Letter enclosed Y/N Letter sent direct Y/N

The information which you provide in this form and any other information obtained or provided during the course of your application for membership will be used solely for the purpose of processing your application and if elected to membership, dealing with you as a members of Upnor Sailing Club including creation of a membership handbook with members details which will be available to all members. **If you object to the inclusion in a membership handbook please tick here.**

For Office use only

1st InterviewerDate.....

2nd Interviewer.....Date.....

Elected?

Yes/No.....Date.....

Temporary Mooring Request Form



Please send this form direct to the
 Mooring Master;
 Mr Ian Campbell,
 12 Margetts Place,
 Lower Upnor,
 Rochester,
 Kent,
 ME2 4XF
 Phone 01634 735489
 Email: usc.mooring@gmail.com

Applicants Details

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

Phone (home)..... (Mob).....

Email.....

Vessels Details

Type Class.....Name.....

Length (meters).....Beam.....Draft.....Keel.....

Date mooring required.....

Dinghy Space required?

Temporary moorings are only provided on the basis that;

- ✓ A membership application is being processed.
- ✓ A copy of your insurance details is provided to the mooring master.
- ✓ You are charged at the standard club rate from the date of this application.
- ✓ Upnor Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse or revoke temporary moorings at anytime.
- ✓ Should your application for membership be refused, you will be charged for the duration.



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Information for sponsors for new applications for membership

How members can help

Take every opportunity to meet prospective members and get to know them.

Prospective members will have been asked to visit the Clubhouse and to sign in at least twice while their application is being considered and they will be advised that they are welcome to join events in the club programme.

If you introduce or sponsor a prospective member, please encourage them to visit the club, sign them in and introduce them to other members. Their application cannot be processed without your letter of support. Please complete this prior to their application being sent in. Whilst being prepared to sponsor or second an applicant, please do not feel obligated unless you are sure you wish to do so. Important: Please ensure a photocopy of the application form is forwarded to Hon. Membership Secretary at the start of the process.

If you have any observations about a prospective member, please talk to a member of the General Committee. Your comments will be treated with respect and kept confidential.

If you are on the General Committee or a sub Committee, encourage applicants and new members to become interested in your area of responsibility. New members will not know what is required or how they can help unless they are asked specifically and may not be able to help unless they are supported in the task required.

Please remember that you once were a new member. Many new members are new to sailing or the Medway area and they will appreciate your experience and advice. Support at the beginning may well encourage new members to become actively involved in the activities and running of the Club in the longer term.

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