



BRIGHTON MARINA  
YACHT CLUB

# YACHT OWNERS: TRY RACING!

At BMYC there is a friendly and active fleet of boats who race throughout the year and we very much welcome and encourage new comers, especially those with only limited experience wanting to give racing a try.

Racing is a great way to improve your sailing skills, make more use of your boat and meet new friends with the social life that goes with racing.

You don't need a sophisticated racing boat. Many of the boats racing are standard cruisers and we have races specifically for those with limited experience.

Despite looking complicated the basic rules are easy to master and beware...the challenge of trying to make your boat perform better than the next is addictive!...so why not give it go?

We can help in a number of ways:

- 1. One of our experienced members will be happy to chat, answer your questions and tell you how to get started. Contact [racing@bmyc.uk](mailto:racing@bmyc.uk) and ask to be put in touch.*
- 2. Probably the best way to get involved is to come along, with or without your boat, to BMYC's structured introduction to racing for potential skippers and crew. Called CLUB CLASS it's held over 5 Saturday mornings in the spring and autumn and is a great way to learn to race as well as meet up with potential crew.*

**3. We can put you in touch with someone experienced who will 'mentor' you, giving you help, advice and if you wish, join you on your first race or two.**

**4. We can allocate you (no charge) a 'NHC' (National Handicap for Cruisers) handicap certificate which also takes into account your experience and performance and will enable you to start racing and winning!  
So what's stopping you?**

You should check your insurance to include club racing. Also check your safety equipment complies with that listed on the BMYC web site (it probably does).

Read the Notices of Race (NORs) and Sailing Instructions (Sis) on the club web site telling you start times etc. They might appear daunting but just ask and we can help.

Spend a little time brushing up on the racing rules. The key ones 'when boats meet' are not very different to the 'rules of the road' and again just ask...

And if not already a member, please join the Club!

#### INTERESTED IN CREWING?

If you're interested in taking part in the racing at BMYC just as a member of a boat's crew you're again very welcome.

We race almost every Sunday morning throughout the year, Wednesday evenings in the Summer and invariably there is at least one boat looking for crew who will be pleased to have you on board.

The best way to try racing, even if you have no experience, is to join Club Class. As above, more details on the BMYC website.

So, if you have some experience, just turn up about 75 minutes before racing (check times on the website) introduce yourself to the race officer who will be in the club house and almost certainly you will get a sail.

Also check the BMYC Facebook page for boats looking for crews.

But the best way to try racing, particularly if you have no experience, is to join Club Class. Details on the BMYC website or contact **clubclass@bmyc.uk**.

Introduce yourself to the people organising the race and whilst not guaranteed, almost certainly there will at least one boat who will welcome you on board.

Any queries? Contact **racing@bmyc.uk** and we'll respond.

*See you on the water!*