



*"Run by the Members, for the Members"*

SBC Club Secretary

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Thank you for your interest in the Small Boat Club. Enclosed is a little information about us.

If you are interested in joining, please complete the "Application for membership" sections below, make the relevant "Registration fees" payments as shown (these are refundable if your application is unsuccessful) and return the whole form to the Club Secretary at the email address above.

### **THE CLUB**

The Small Boat Club was started in 1953. Its summer base is situated on Stevens Ait opposite Canbury Gardens, Kingston. The current clubhouse was opened in 1996 after the previous building was destroyed by fire.

### **EVENTS**

The programme of events is prepared at the beginning of the year and appears on our website [www.smallboatclub.co.uk](http://www.smallboatclub.co.uk)\*. It usually includes cruising (at weekends and evenings) – extra crew welcome, various boat handling competitions (not too serious) and informal get-togethers as well as regular Club events throughout the year. The main social events are the Summer 'Barbeque', our Fitting Out and Laying Up Suppers and the Commodore's Cruise Past. Other Clubs invite us to some of their activities; we give you details via the Newsletter or by email.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Members receive the regular Club Newsletter. This contains general news about goings-on in the Club, occasional articles written by members and, of course, information on forthcoming events as well as matters of importance to river users. This has proved a great way of keeping everyone in touch. Members also have someone nominated as a point of contact with the Committee until you get to know a few people. We also have two WhatsApp groups set up so that members can share the latest up-to-date information.

### **BOATING**

Occasional in-house boat-handling competitions may be held during the year with the emphasis on safety. Help and advice is available to any members wishing to improve their skills through informal instruction, both on their own boat and the Club ferry.



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## **AFFILIATION**

We are part of the network of boat clubs on the River Thames and the Small Boat Club is affiliated to the Association of Thames Yacht Clubs and Royal Yachting Association. Representatives attend the local River Users' Group. We are affiliated to the River Thames Society.

## **LOCATION AND MOORINGS**

Stevens Ait is owned by the Environment Agency. SBC leases the island and manages the public 24 hour moorings as agents of the Environment Agency.

The Club has a limited number of moorings on the island. We limit initial membership to people with boats under 33 feet long (but some have traded up over the years and remain active without a mooring). New members are entitled to ask to go on the mooring list held by the Boson. Moorings are allocated by turn where possible but the Committee retains the right to decide on allocation of moorings subject to space available.

## **APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP**

An application form for membership is attached below and should be signed by at least one Committee member. We do like the opportunity to meet prospective new members before their application is considered by the Committee at its meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. So please come and meet members - you are welcome any Sunday between 11.00 and 15.00 during the season (2<sup>nd</sup> week in March until late October)\*. Just stand on our jetty off the track by Canbury Gardens Kingston and ring the bell (first initiative test – find it!); someone will come and collect you.

We look forward to meeting you.

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## Application for Membership

I wish to apply for **full single adult /couple/ family membership\*** (\*delete)

Surname:	Forename:
Other partner/family members: (if applicable)	
Address:	
Tel: Home	Tel: Work (optional)
Mobile1: Mobile2:	Email1: Email2:

### Boat details:

Name:	Make and Model:	Year built:
Length in feet/metres:	Beam in feet/metres:	Draught in feet/metres:

### Registration Fees

New application joining fee (first year only)	£40.00	
Full adult member	£60.00	
Full couple's membership	£90.00	
Family membership (children 5+ years)	£115.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>£</b>

### Notes:

New application joining fees and Annual subscriptions are payable on joining and subsequent subscriptions are payable on 1 September each year. Electronic payment is preferred: -

Account name: Small Boat Club

Sort code: 20-84-17;

Account Number: 00247995

Please use a reference of "yourname application".

- The maximum overall length of any member's boat is limited to 33 ft (10m) excluding moveable parts, for example outboards, bowsprits etc



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- The Committee meets on first Tuesday of the month and considers applications for members at its meetings.

**Proposer:**

**Secunder (Committee Member):**

**The Small Boat Club is made up of a group of people who enjoy boating and spending their leisure time by the river. Our island base is Stevens Ait and all members are expected to play their part in maintaining the environment and supporting the various social events. This is one of the ways we keep our membership and mooring rates affordable.**

**Once someone becomes a member, they are expected to contribute to working parties and support club functions. This includes acting as Duty Officer one Sunday a year to assist other members' access the island. If they fail to do so, they can be removed from membership (Rule 14 c)**

**Declaration:** I have read the notes on this form and agree to abide by the rules of the Small Boat Club

Signed:

Date:



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**For Club Use**

	Date	Confirmed (Committee Member Initials)
Application received		
Club visit, including Committee Member meet		
Committee Member proposed		
Committee Member seconded		
Ratified at Committee Meeting		
Fees Received		
New Member Welcome Pack Sent		