

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER - MOVING HOME!



Tim Edom, Commodore at Poole Yacht Club welcomes Poole Sailability Chair Nick Berendt to our new home.



Members and Volunteers together at the open day/lunch on 26th February- positive about the move to PYC

After 30 years based at Rockley Park, Poole Sailability has relocated its operations to Poole Yacht Club. (PYC) Last year's strategic plan identified that the future use of Rockley Marina was not secure as there was no written agreement, lease or licence for our usage. The holiday park is now owned by a large commercial company that has several options for the holiday park and marina. Steve Town our Secretary, said that "the management of the park wished us well in the move, and said if it doesn't work out for us they would welcome our return in the future if still possible."

Nick Berendt said of the move "I am really pleased that our board of trustees decided in the best interests of the Charity and its long term future to relocate. I have been particularly impressed with the open and welcoming spirit that Tim Edom the Commodore, along with Chas Kirkby, the General Manager, and their teams have shown during the negotiations. We are really looking forward to working together for our mutual benefit."

Tim said "we are all delighted to have entered into what I am sure will be a long term partnership with Sailability. There are many benefits for us, from supporting the amazing work of the charity, to getting some of our members to join Sailability as members and volunteers"



Duty Officers checking out the best way to berth on the PYC pontoons in advance of the season

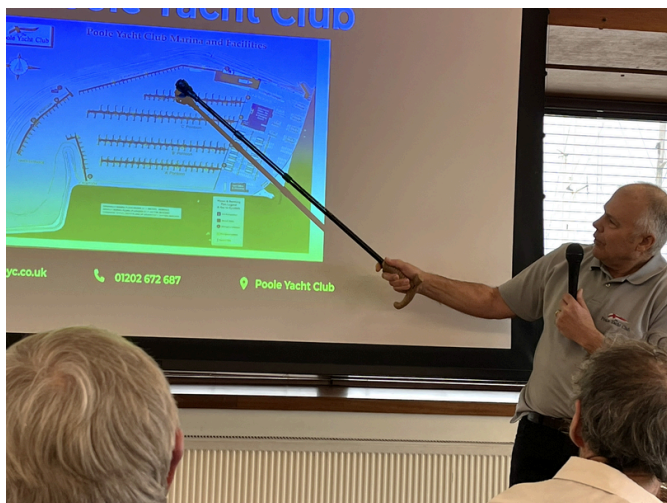
We had a great welcome lunch, tour and presentation from Tim, Chas and their team on the 26th February

The event provided an opportunity for sailors, supporters and volunteers to meet, connect and learn more about the programme in a friendly and relaxed setting. It was wonderful to see the community come together in such a positive and supportive atmosphere. See <https://pooleyc.com/sailablity-sailors-welcome-event/>

Dawn Geer, our PS membership officer said “I am sure that moving our base will be very positive for our members - not only the sailing offer, but better more accessible facilities and an enhanced social programme.”



PS Members had a lovely lunch of soup and sandwiches, and a drink from the bar, followed by a presentation from Tim



Tim pinched Steve's cane as his laser pointer wasn't working!

Our Chair Nick Berendt responded to the PYC Commodore and team, saying “the welcome event had been extremely beneficial for our members and a testimony to PYC's approach to this new partnership. I will be working to ensure this new relationship will enhance our strong relations with Parkstone Yacht Club”

Peter McCabe on behalf of the Poole Sailability Operations team said “ the ops team is keen to stress the positive impacts of moving to PYC for our sailing”.

- No tides at PYC, which made berthing difficult on spring tides at Rockley
- Access straight into the sailing area, compared to a 10 minute trip up the Rockley Channel
- Support from professional yard team
- Accessible winter storage for maintenance
- More volunteers and members from PYC
- Shared training opportunities
- Access to racing





Duty Officers and Trustees tour of the club and key issues discussion



Dawn, membership officer testing out the pontoons

Frequently Asked Questions

Is cost more or less than Rockley?	It is costing slightly more, but facilities are better, with parking, clubhouse with bar and catering etc
How do we get there and is there car parking?	PYC is on New Harbour Road West, Poole. BH15 4AQ. Go over the old bridge towards the Ferry Terminal, turn right at the roundabout and PYC is at the end. Press the buzzer for the gate to be opened for you. Our pontoons are on the right We encourage you to car share or use public transport if possible. Parking for disabled badge holders is available outside the main entrance. If you give your car reg no to the office reception they can add you to the list so the gate opens when you drive up to it, then park in any available spaces.
How do we get to use the clubhouse?	PYC is a member and guest only club, but as part of the deal we have negotiated 6 club memberships which have been allocated to DOs. The DO for the sailing or maintenance session or informal meeting will sign in all the volunteers and members who can then use the clubhouse before/after. If you wish to use the club outside Sailability sessions you will need to get a DO to sign you in (or a club member who can do this).
How do we join PYC?	Any PS member can apply to join PYC as an associate member giving access to the facilities at all times costing £271.55 with a joining fee of £250. Pop into reception at the club to ask about it. Or ring 01202 672687