



**EXTENDS A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THE**

**NORTH SAILS CONTENDER AND GUL FIREBALL**

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**2 to 5 JULY 2022**



### **CLUB OPENING HOURS**

**WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE – noon to 23:00**

**THURSDAY 2 JUNE – 08:00 to 23:00**

**FRIDAY 3 JUNE – 08:00 to 23:00**

**SATURDAY 4 JUNE – 08:00 to midnight**

**SUNDAY 5 JUNE – 08:00 to 18:00**

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Dear Contender and Fireball Sailors, Friends and Families

On behalf of Brightlingsea Sailing Club I would like to welcome you to our club. We are excited and honoured that the Contender and Fireball fleets are visiting our beautiful corner of Essex for these important events and hope that you will have a great time.

Leading our club team during your visit will be myself – Fiona Brown, Regatta Chair - and our Commodore Alice Davies. In the Race Office you will meet our Race Office Manager Kathy Ashworth. Running the boat parking and car parking we have our President Barrie Winship and our launching and recovery support team will be led by Dick Stephens and Rebecca Bines.

Afloat our team will be headed up by Race Officer Paul Jackson, who will be ably supported by Assistant Race Officer Alan Hicks and Chief Recorder/Timer Alice Davies. Shaun Seear is our RIB/Safety Coordinator leading our safety boat and mark laying team.

In the clubhouse our bar team is led by Bar Manager Vanessa Mitchell and alongside my role as Regatta Chair, I will also be leading our catering team in the galley.

BSC is entirely run by the members for the members and in addition to these team leaders dozens more volunteers will be helping throughout the event. If you require assistance at any time, please don't hesitate to speak to one of us and we will do our very best to help.

If you haven't been to Brightlingsea before our Harbour Commission produce an excellent Visitors Guide which includes a detailed map of the town showing the location of key services and shops, as well as a host of useful information for visiting sailors. A printed copy will be given to you at registration but to view/download a copy in advance [please click here](#). To find out more about our club please visit [www.sailbrightlingsea.com](http://www.sailbrightlingsea.com).

We hope that you have a great visit to Brightlingsea and wish all the competitors the very best of luck in their racing. Please read on to find out more about what to expect while you are with us.

Fair winds and fast sailing!

Fiona Brown  
Regatta Chairman  
Brightlingsea Sailing Club

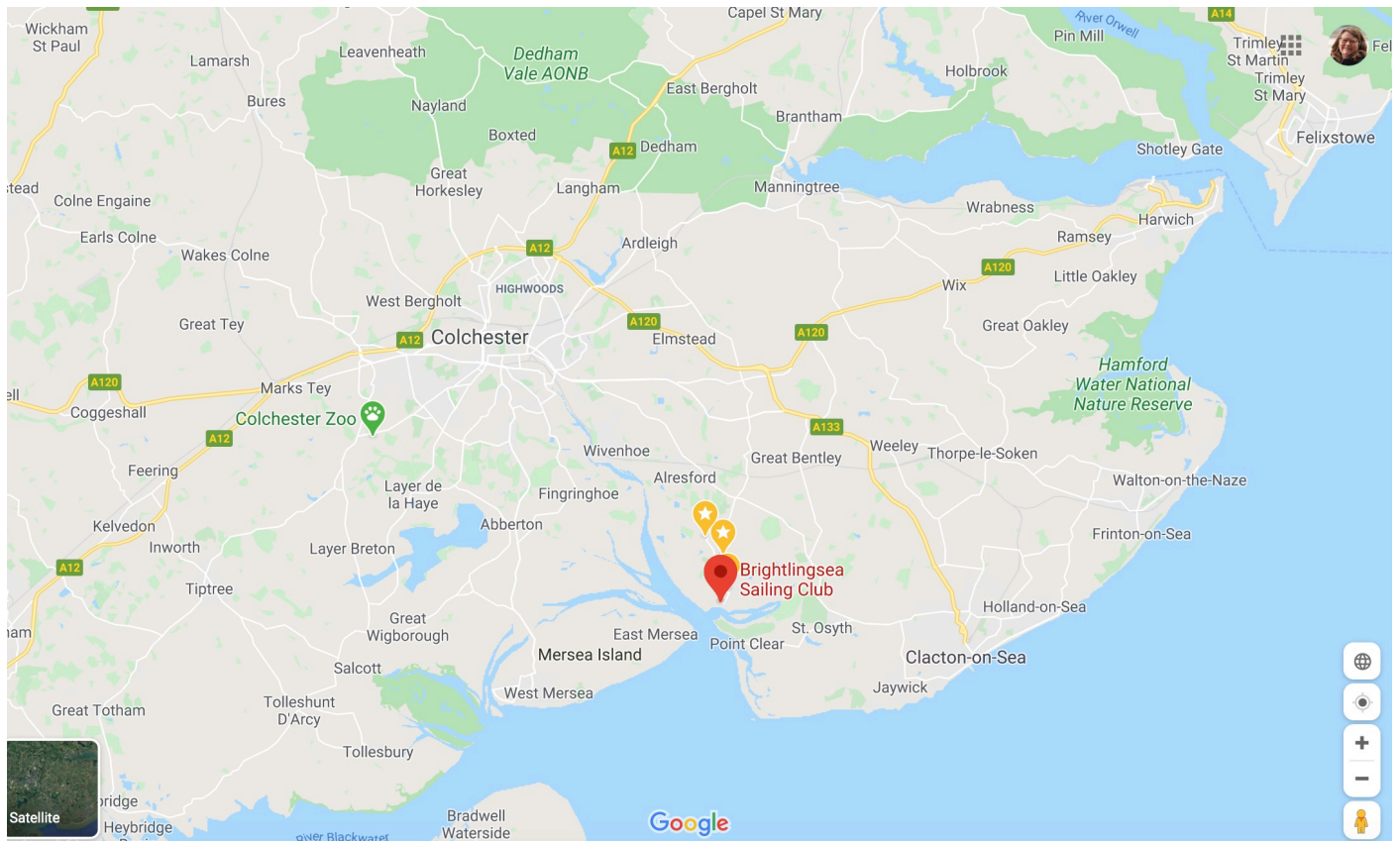
# HOW TO FIND BRIGHTLINGSEA SAILING CLUB





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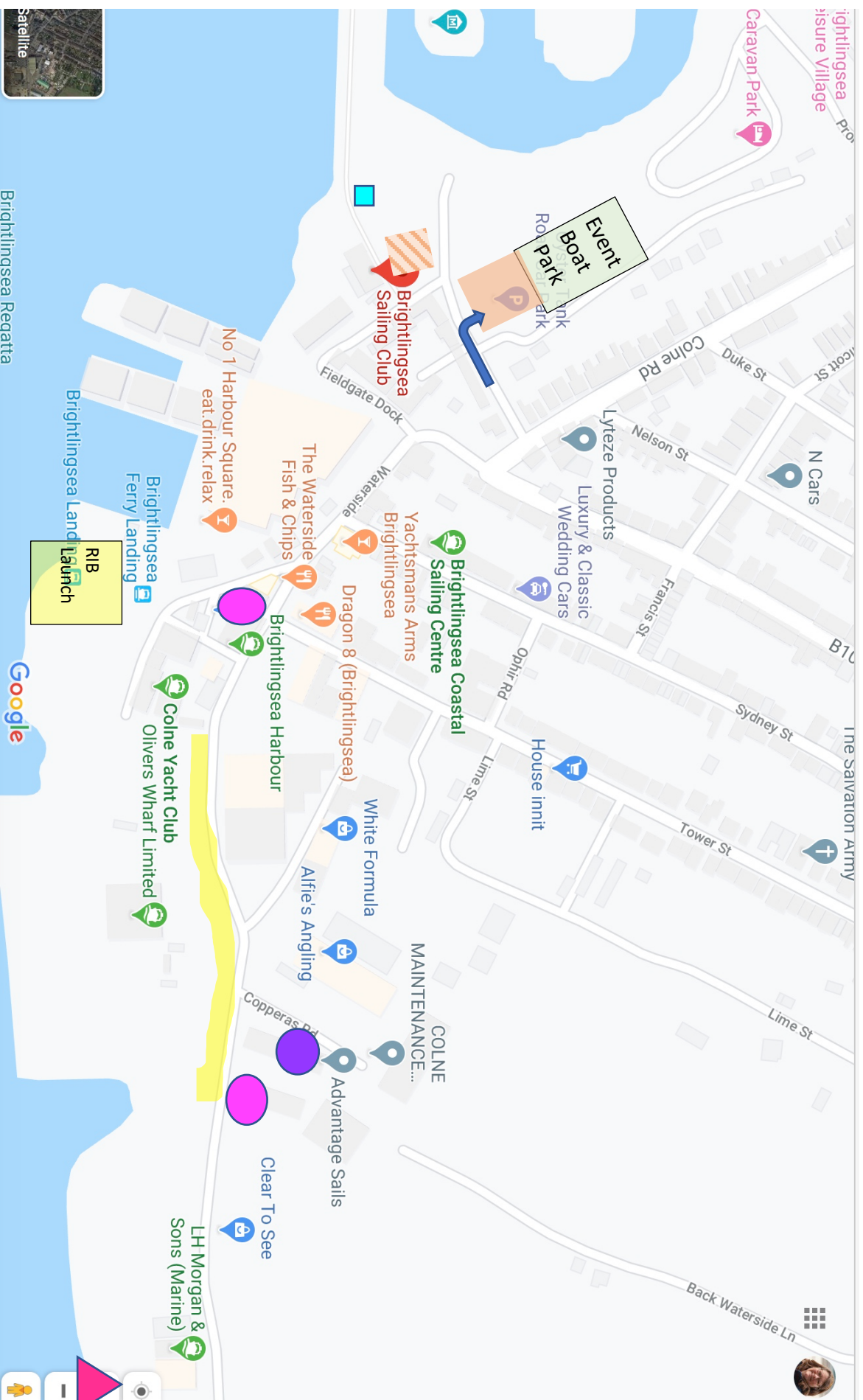
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  SAILMAKER    
  DIESEL FUEL    
  RACE OFFICE    
  EVENT BOAT PARK



# ON ARRIVAL



Competitors are welcome to arrive at the club from lunchtime on Wednesday 1 June. Should you require to arrive earlier, arrangements can be made by emailing Fiona Brown on [fiona.brown@fionabrown.com](mailto:fiona.brown@fionabrown.com).

As you approach the club along Oyster Tank Road, please look out for the club marshals and signs that direct you to our Event Car and Boat Parking Areas on the right. Our site has restricted access and narrow roads so please follow the instructions to help achieve the most efficient and timely arrival.

The team will direct you to the boat parking area and explain where to leave your road trailers. Please unload as quickly as possible and move cars and trailers into the parking area promptly to allow others arriving behind you access to offload. Each team will be given 1 car parking pass at registration which gives you permission to park in the event car park. Please note that if you are not displaying a pass in this area, you may be fined. For extra cars there is free on street parking in the area although it can be busy at times so we suggest you walk or cycle to site or arrive in just one vehicle where possible.

Those with caravans and campervans who are staying at our Special Event Camp Site are recommended to take their vehicles to the campsite as soon as they are able, to help ease the pressure on parking. The Event Camp Site is only about 5 minutes' walk from the club.

The club house is the large two-storey dark grey weather board building next to the club car park (at left in the above photo). As you enter the building through the main door you will find the main changing rooms off the entrance lobby to your left. To the right you will find the main clubroom and bar, which will be open from noon on Wednesday. Our disabled changing room and toilet are accessed by going into the main room, passing in front of the bar and turning left and then right. There is wheelchair access to the whole of the ground floor, however if you have specialist access needs please contact Fiona Brown on [fiona.brown@fionabrown.com](mailto:fiona.brown@fionabrown.com) with details.

Space is a little limited in our changing room and we cannot guarantee absolute security, so we ask that competitors lock kit bags in their cars when possible. Whilst the doors to the toilet area always remain unlocked, the doors to the changing area may be locked and the code for access is C1234X.

The Race Office for registration is located on the ground floor of the Sailing Management Centre which is the smaller grey building on the edge of our boat park (at right in the above photo).

**IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY DIFFICULTY FINDING THE CLUB PLEASE CALL REGATTA CHAIR FIONA BROWN ON 07711 718470**

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### LOCAL CONTACTS

NAME	ROLE	PHONE	EMAIL
Fiona Brown	Regatta Chair & Galley Coordinator	07711 718470	<a href="mailto:fiona.brown@fionabrown.com">fiona.brown@fionabrown.com</a>
Alice Davies	Commodore	07534 388249	<a href="mailto:president@sailbrightlingsea.com">president@sailbrightlingsea.com</a>

### VHF

ORGANISATION	VHF CHANNEL	CALL SIGN
Brightlingsea Sailing Club Shore Base	37	Bri Sail Base
Brightlingsea Harbour & Water Taxi	68	Brightlingsea Harbour
Coastguard	16	Thames Coastguard

### WIFI AND DOOR CODES

WIFI – BSCWIFI – Password - BSCsail24680  
Changing Room Door Codes – Male and Female – C1234X  
Club front lobby door code – C1930Z

### TIDE TIMES

Thursday 2 June  
High Water – 14:43

Friday 3 June  
High Water – 15:15

Saturday 4 June  
High Water – 15:50

Sunday 5 June  
High Water – 16:28

### ACCOMMODATION

For a list of local accommodation please [click here](#)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ABSOLUTELY NO TENTS, CARAVANS OR CAMPERS ARE PERMITTED OVERNIGHT WITHIN THE TWO CAR PARKS OR ANY PART OF THE DINGHY PARKS.** To reserve a pitch at the special Event Campsite, which is just a short walk from the club, please book in via [the club website](#).

# **CATERING**

Vegetarian options will be available. If you have special dietary requirements, please note these on your entry form or email the Regatta Chair on [fiona.brown@fionabrown.com](mailto:fiona.brown@fionabrown.com) with details and we will do our best to ensure we have suitable offerings available for you

## **BREAKFAST**

Breakfast will be available from the club galley each morning from 08:00.

## **WELCOME ASHORE DRINK**

On arrival ashore each day competitors will receive a free beer or soft drink

## **BAR/CAFE**

The club bar/café will be open daily offering a range of beverages and hot and cold snacks, cakes and pastries. Opening hours will be as follows:

Wednesday 1 June – noon to 23:00  
Thursday 2 June – 10:00 to 23:00  
Friday 3 June – 10:00 to 23:00  
Saturday 4 June – 10:00 to midnight  
Sunday 5 June – 10:00 to 18:00

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Thursday 2 June – Commodore's Welcome Reception & Daily Prize Giving - 19:00  
A light buffet supper will be served

Friday 3 June – The Big BSC Jubilee Beach Party, BBQ & Daily Prize Giving – from 15:00

Saturday 4 June – Championship Gala Dinner & Daily Prize Giving & Live Band – 19:30  
Competitor tickets for the dinner are included in your entry. A limited number of guest tickets will be made available on a first come first served basis.

Sunday 5 June – Championship Prize Giving – ASAP After Racing

See next page for full event programme.

**There is a water bottle filling station in the main club room so please bring your own reusable water bottles and cups to help us reduce unnecessary waste**

## EVENT PROGRAMME

### Wed 1 June

All Day

Noon

1pm

1pm

6pm

11pm

### High Tide 2.11pm

Arrival of boats

Bar open offering light snacks

Race Office opens

Equipment Inspection opens (Fireballs only)

Race Office & Equipment Inspection close

Bar closes

### Thur 2 June

8am

8am

10am

11am

11am

1pm

6pm

6pm

7pm

### High Tide 2.43pm

Galley opens

Registration & Equipment Inspection opens

Bar opens offering light snacks

Competitor Briefing

Equipment Inspection closes

First start (Contenders 2 races, Fireballs 2 races)

Race Office closes

Fireball Open Forum – upstairs lounge

Commodore's Reception & Daily prize giving

### Fri 3 June

8am

9am

10am

12 noon

3pm until late

ASAP After Sailing

6pm

6.30pm

### High Tide 3.15pm

Galley opens

Race Office opens

Bar opens offering light snacks

First start (Contenders 3 races, Fireballs 2 races)

The Big BSC Jubilee Beach Party

Daily prize giving

Race office closes

Contender AGM – upstairs lounge

### Sat 4 June

8am

9am

10am

12 noon

6pm

7pm

7.30pm

### High Tide 3.50pm

Galley opens

Race Office opens

Bar opens offering light snacks

First start (Contenders 3 races, Fireballs 2 races)

Race Office closes

Fireball AGM – upstairs lounge

Championship dinner, daily prize giving and band Sax & The Voice

### Sun 5 June

8am

9am

10am

11am

3.30pm

ASAP After Racing

6pm

### High Tide 4.28pm

Galley opens

Race Office opens

Bar opens offering light snacks

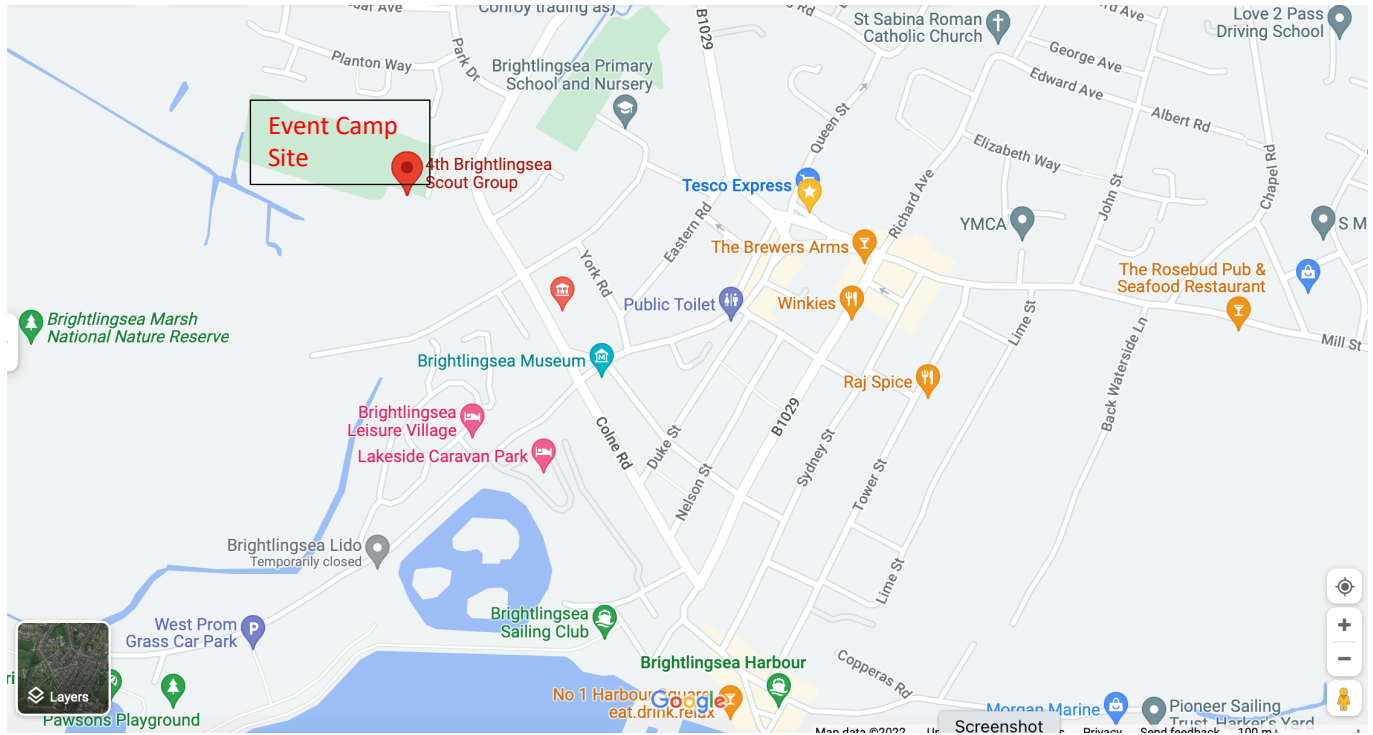
First start (Contenders 2 races, Fireballs 2 races)

Latest start cut off

Prize Giving

Race Office closes

## THE SPECIAL EVENT CAMPSITE



The Special Event Campsite is located at Lower Park Road Playing Field, Lower Park Road, Brightlingsea, CO7 0JX - known locally as “The Scout Field”.

Only those with advance bookings can be accommodated on the site, which is a temporary site set up specially for our event. At the time of writing the professionally run campsite located next to the sailing club remains indefinitely closed following a change of ownership and so this site has been loaned to us by Brightlingsea Town Council and the Brightlingsea Scouts, and we are extremely grateful to them for their assistance in making the temporary site possible.

The site is only accessible via a locked gate and details of the code for this will be sent to campers nearer the time.

On site are basic toilet facilities (also locked with a code – again to be sent to campers nearer the time), a freshwater hose and a cassette toilet emptying area.

It is a large grass playing field and spaces will be marked, numbered, and allocated.

Because facilities on site are basic, those using the campsite will have 24/7 access to the sailing club showers and changing rooms. The code to the front door of the club is C1930Z and the code to the changing room doors is C1234X.

Those who have booked camping space will be contacted with further information prior to the event.

## LAUNCHING AND RECOVERY

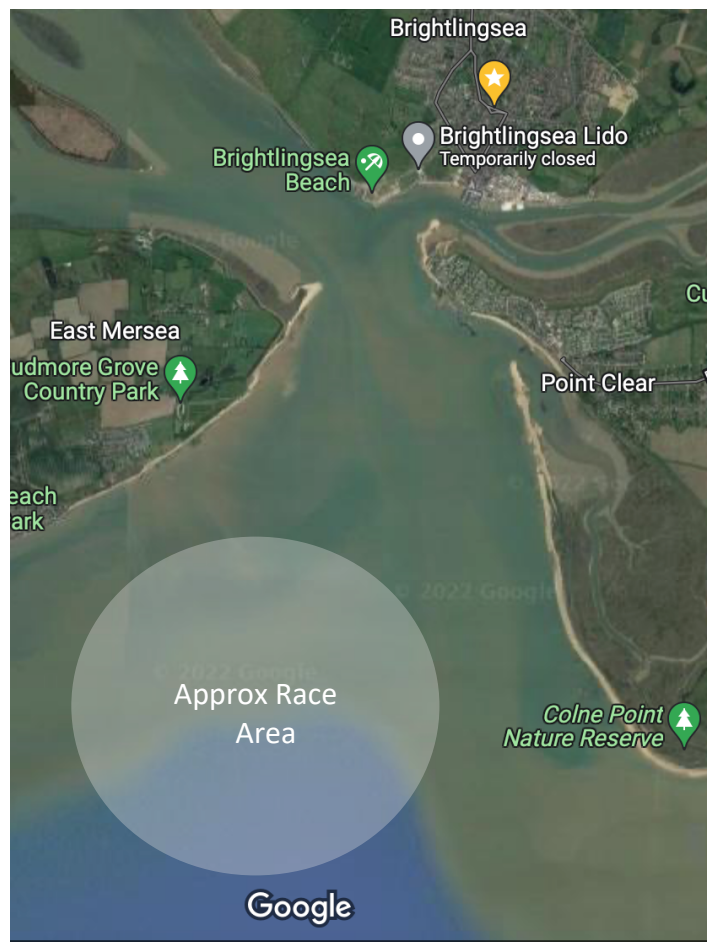
As most of you will know, Brightlingsea is tidal and whilst there is always plenty of sailing water out in the race area, the creek leading to our launching ramp is quite narrow at low tide. The picture below shows the creek just before low water and from this you can see the BSC ramp coming down to the water and at the end of the ramp there is a small channel and then a bank which runs parallel to the Promenade all the way to the creek entrance, which is marked by a post and a cardinal mark - the gap between these two points is referred to by locals as the Gate.

When you return to the club in the afternoons there should be sufficient water to go straight over the bank, but when you launch in the mornings you will need to be aware of it and that you will want to sail down the centre of the marked channel and out through the Gate before turning to seawards for the race area.

To speed up the launching process we will have some trolley helpers who will take your trolley back up to the beach where they will be stacked in batches of 10 by tally number (you will be given your signing on/off tally at registration together with a trolley label which we ask you to attach to help us identify your trolley for launching/recovery).

As you come ashore you will find a pair of fresh water hoses at the top of the ramp. Please wash down as quickly as you can to ensure we get everyone ashore asap. And look out for the welcome ashore drink at the top of the ramp!

Also shown below is an indication of the race area, details of which will be given at the briefing.



## THINGS TO DO ASHORE



For those who will be coming to the event with friends and family, Brightlingsea and the surrounding area have lots to offer those remaining shoreside.

Our town centre has a wonderful range of small independent shops, pubs and cafés. We have a fantastic 1930s outdoor lido, which is just a few yards from the sailing club, a sea paddling pool and play areas for small children and our own

beach right in front of the clubhouse. The newly opened Brightlingsea Museum is also well worth a visit too.

The Harbour runs [Harbour Tours](#), you can book to take a [Lunch trip upriver to Wivenhoe](#) and they also run a [Ferry between Brightlingsea Town Jetty, Point Clear and East Mersea](#). A short walk from the ferry landing point at East Mersea is [Cudmore Grove Country Park](#).

The upper reaches of Brightlingsea Harbour and parts of the river Colne are Sites of Special Scientific Interest with some lovely walks to enjoy.

Within a 30-minute drive we have:

- [Colchester](#) with its medieval Dutch Quarter, Norman Castle, Roman Remains and multitude of museums and galleries
- [Dedham](#) and the famous [Constable Country](#)
- The traditional seaside resorts of [Clacton](#), [Walton](#) and [Frinton](#)
- Historic [Harwich](#)
- [Beth Chatto's](#) spectacular garden
- [Colchester Zoo](#)
- [Green Island Gardens](#)

And of course, during your stay there will be several special Queen's Platinum Jubilee events happening in the town including a Beacon Lighting on Thursday evening at 9.15pm, which will be visible from the club, our own BSC Jubilee Beach Party & BBQ on Friday afternoon, a Family Fun Day and Fair on Saturday and a Jubilee Picnic and Fun Fair on Sunday – all at venues along the Promenade, close to the club.

We hope you will enjoy your stay in Brightlingsea and are here to help if you need any assistance in planning your visit. For further information please contact Regatta Chair Fiona Brown on 07711 718470 or [fiona.brown@fionabrown.com](mailto:fiona.brown@fionabrown.com).

We look forward to welcoming you in June and hope you will have a fun and successful Championship.