



Byfleet Boat Club

Byfleet Boat Club — The River is a Way of Life!



Tucked away just off the towpath behind the leafy calm of Byfleet village, there's a place where the world slows down, the river flows gently, avid boaters cruise the waterway, and locals swap their 'phones for oars: Welcome to Byfleet Boat Club.

A Storied Past

The history of Byfleet Boat Club is as winding as the River Wey itself. The current club is the sixth incarnation of a boating tradition that dates back to the early 20th century. Originally established by local philanthropist Frederick Cornelius Stoop, the first Byfleet Boat Club was a social hub for the professional and middle classes. Stoop, a Dutchman by birth, had married the heiress of the Dartnell Park estate and later became the owner of the West Hall estate on the opposite side of Parvis Road. He built the original club to serve the new housing being developed on his wife's estate.

After Stoop's death in 1933 and the subsequent reorganization of local government, the boat house and its fleet were bequeathed to the now-defunct Byfleet Parish Council. In 1941, a Deed of Gift transferred ownership to Woking Urban District Council, ensuring the facility would continue to serve the community for amateur boating.

The club experienced various transformations over the decades, including periods of inactivity and reorganization. In 1949, the council reopened the boat house, and by the 1970s, the current Byfleet Boat Club was formed, reviving the name and spirit of the original institution. Today, the club operates as a limited company, ensuring its longevity and continued service to the community for rowing boat hire. From April (or Easter if that's earlier) through to September, the club has eight rowing boats available to hire at very reasonable rates — offering locals and visitors alike an easy, affordable way to enjoy the river.

More Than Just a Club

While the club's members' collection of cruisers, narrowboats and dinghies might suggest it's all about the water, the heart of Byfleet Boat Club lies in its community. Members range from novices to seasoned river hands who can tie a bowline with one hand and blindfolded. There's no pressure to perform — only an open invitation to explore and unwind.

Each weekend, you'll find members cruising the Wey (or tinkering with temperamental engines and electrics) and locals rowing hard toward Pyrford or drifting lazily downstream toward New Haw. There's a quiet charm to it — just birdsong, the whisper of reeds, and the occasional cry of "Catch my oar!"

Annual Traditions and Riverside Rituals

From the Spring Clean (where boats and boathouse get equal scrubbing) to the Summer Barbecue and the festive Illuminated Boat Parade near Christmas

(with members in Santa hats braving the chill) the club has created its own set of riverside traditions.

Events are more than just an excuse to get on the water — they're about forging friendships, laughing over tea and biscuits (or occasionally something stronger), and celebrating the joys of waterway life.

Who can join in?

The answer is simple: anyone.

Whether you're 9 or 90, if you have a love of the outdoors and a willingness to learn,

you'll find a warm welcome at Byfleet Boat Club. You don't need to own a boat, and you certainly don't need to be an expert. Just bring lots of enthusiasm, a bit of curiosity, and maybe a spare pair of dry socks.

So, whether you're looking for a new hobby, a bit of peace, or just a reason to spend more time in the sunshine, head down to the river and see what the Byfleet Boat Club has to offer.

You might just fall in love — with the water, the people, and the way the world looks when seen from a boat.

Membership Benefits

Membership of Byfleet Boat Club comes with more than just access to the water — it opens the door to a vibrant riverside lifestyle.

Prime Moorings

- Secure clubhouse moorings
- Private upstream moorings for peaceful getaways

Facilities to Support Your Passion

- Workshop for boat repairs
- Slipway for easy launching
- Hard-standing compound for maintenance and renovation
- Storage for portable boats and paddle boards

Essential Amenities

- Water and electricity on-site
- Refuse disposal and Elsan point

Stay Connected

- 3 club magazines a year packed with news, stories, and tips

Social and Community Events

- Monthly social evenings (every 3rd Friday)
- Inter-club gatherings and AWCC affiliation
- Summer and winter barbecues and festive Christmas party
- Annual cruising programme for shared adventures
- Training talks to boost your skills and confidence

Whether you're here for the boating, the people, or the peaceful river views — Byfleet Boat Club offers a welcoming community and everything you need to enjoy life on the water.

Contact Us

You're warmly invited to visit us any weekend or join one of our events. A member will be delighted to show you around and introduce you to the facilities—and more importantly, the spirit—of the Byfleet Boat Club.

www.byfleetboatclub.com

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Application for Membership

Name(s): (include partner's name where applicable)

Email address: Mobile:

Date of birth (if under 18): Membership type: Associate Junior Individual Family

Address: Childrens' Names: Dates of Birth:

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CRAFT PARTICULARS

Name: Type:

Length: Beam:

Draught: Engine:

Home mooring: Licensed for the River Wey Yes / No

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. **RESPONSIBILITY:** The Club accepts no responsibility for the loss of or damage to a member's property.
2. **HIRE FLEET DUTY:** Each member (juniors excepted) must do a turn on duty, because this is a condition of the Club's tenancy of the Boathouse. The duty rota will be arranged and published annually.
3. **MOORINGS:** Moorings are limited and not necessarily available.
4. **ARREARS:** The Club has a right to sell a member's boat or equipment to offset arrears in club dues.
5. **RULES:** The Memorandum & Articles of Association are available on request. A copy of the Club Rules is issued to all members.
6. **KEYS:** Senior members are issued with a key to the Clubhouse for a £25 refundable deposit.

I / WE HEREBY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Applicant's Signature: Date:

Proposer: : Seconder:

Print Name: Print Name:.....

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY TWO CLUB MEMBERS BEFORE THE APPLICATION CAN BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE. PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK LETTERS. SEND NO FEES NOW.

Please Return To: Membership Secretary Byfleet Boat Club 4 Old Parvis Road West Byfleet KT14 6LE	<u>For Committee Use Only:</u>						
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FEES AND CHARGES

1 JANUARY 2026 TO 31 DECEMBER 2026

Membership		per annum
Associate members		£85.00
Junior members (must have parent/guardian as member)		£43.00
Individual members		£65.00
Family members (couples with or without children)		£99.00
Moorings	per quarter	per annum
9.0m mooring	£317.00	£1,267.00
10.5m mooring	£356.00	£1,424.00
Compound storage charges craft and trailers		per annum
Craft up to 3m length and canoes		£85.00
Craft up to 4m length		£136.00
Craft up to 5m length		£273.00
Craft up to 6m length		£399.00
Craft up to 7m length		£512.00
Craft up to 8m length		£571.00
Craft up to 9m length		£645.00
Craft over 9m length		£683.00
Workshop storage charges for canoes and paddleboards		£108.00
Slipway fee (Commodore's permission required)		Free for members
Workshop charges		per metre per week
Craft over 3m length		£6.00
Dinghy (maximum 3m length x 1.4m width)		£4.00
Temporary compound charges (for repair / renovation use)		
Monthly pro-rata compound storage charges. If on a BBC mooring, the first month in the compound is free of charge but mooring charges still apply.		
Other services		
Rowing boat hire, public and members, per hour, per boat		£12.00
Hall hire for functions, members only, up to 6 hours		£50.00
additional time per hour		£5.00
NB. No hall hire between midnight and 10.00 am		

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