



Beer Sailing Club is run entirely on a voluntary basis by the members for the members. As such we rely on everyone, where physically possible, to do their bit towards the successful running of the club. If nobody volunteered, we would cease to exist so whether you are able to make a regular time commitment or you are just able to offer an occasional hour or two, all help is very much appreciated!

We have seven areas in which you can volunteer as part of your membership, a brief description of each is given below.

1. Patrol Boat

Manning the patrol boat (as part of a team of two) during regular racing on either a Thursday evening (6-8pm), a Sunday Morning (9am-1pm) or on the Development Sailing Days, which involves four Saturdays during the summer (1.30-5pm). The role includes setting the race course, controlling the race from the water and ensuring the safety of the participants on the water – full training will be given and we will pair you up with someone who already has relevant experience so please don't worry if it is all new to you! Similarly, experience driving a rib (or similar vessel) is advantageous but not essential as we will make sure there is always an experienced helm on the boat. It is lovely to be out on the water in amongst the boats, even if you are not a sailor. We are planning some training workshops at the start of the season, and for anyone who wants to gain a formal qualification, the club also runs RYA courses for Powerboat 2. For more information, contact Kit Mundy on kit@m-mundy.com or 07767 464850.

2. Beach

Help is always welcomed on the beach during launching and retrieval of boats (days and times as above) and particularly on Development Days when we have inexperienced sailors on the water. Other beach help is on a more ad-hoc basis, with work parties as required, normally on the occasional Saturday morning, to get the beach ready for the season, e.g. laying out decking and mats, moving boats etc., and getting our area of the beach ready for the winter at the end of the season. There may be other beach improvement projects as required, e.g. laying chains for secure kayak storage, winch relocation etc. Please contact Stewart Aplin on stewart@aplinclark.co.uk for more details.

3. Race Hut

The Race Hut has overall control of sailing from the excellent vantage point at the clubhouse. This involves radio communication with the patrol boat crew, race starting and timing and the recording of results. The Race Hut also provides another pair of eyes for the patrol boat in spotting anyone who may require assistance. Again, full training and experienced support will be given, and instructions made available for anyone interested in this important role. Please contact Brian Adkin on bjadkin@gmail.com for more details.



4. Bar

Manning the bar to support sailing and our extensive range of social events. This involves serving drinks, taking money (both cash and credit card payments) ensuring the bar is restocked, glasses are washed, and the bar is left tidy at the end of a shift. We have recently moved away from draft beers so no barrel changing to worry about either. This is a great way to meet lots of people in a very sociable environment. No experience is required as we will pair any novices with an experienced hand and provide training as required. Please contact Andy Weston-Webb on andywestonwebb@gmail.com for more details.

5. Social

Involvement in the social side of the club. This can literally range from baking a cake or providing a hot dish of food, helping with an event or volunteering for some cooking, right through to managing a particular function in its entirety. Again, this is a great way to get involved and quickly get to know lots of people in the club. Contact Angie Cromwell on garthang0669@btinternet.com or 07773 664887 to get involved.

6. Coffee Mornings

Our Coffee Mornings run weekly on a Wednesday morning from 10am until 12 noon. We are always looking for additional volunteers to ease the burden for those already involved. We normally have a team of two people each week so don't be daunted if it is your first time as we can pair you with someone experienced. Duties include providing and serving scones and cakes, preparing and serving hot beverages and washing up afterwards, although often a kind volunteer helps out with the latter! The donation of a homemade cake or some cheese scones is always welcome if you are unable to commit to a Wednesday morning but would be happy to do a bit of baking – similarly, if you aren't a cook but would be happy to volunteer for the Wednesday shift, we can probably pair you up with an enthusiastic baker. Contact Angie Cromwell on garthang0669@btinternet.com or 07773 664887 to get on the rota.

7. Clubhouse Maintenance

We are very lucky to have our fabulous clubhouse, situated in a great position and with superb facilities. Volunteers are needed to keep the clubhouse and surrounding areas in excellent condition for the benefit of all members. This could mean adopting a small but regular task (e.g. sweeping the terrace, weeding etc) or getting involved in one off work parties to get us ready for the season or in tackling a particular area needing attention, e.g. pressure washing, spring cleaning, painting etc. Contact Chris Pickles on chris@picklesnet.com for more details.

Please feel free to volunteer for as many areas as you feel able to – the more involvement we get, the lighter the load for everyone concerned. Thank you in advance for your support and contribution to another great year at the club, both on and off the water.