

Affiliate Moorings, further information

Application policy:-

The Stour Sailing Club may allocate an affiliate mooring to any non-club member who requests it and any such allocation will be processed in the same way as a mooring application from a Club member. Examples of processes being referred to are:- the paperwork system used, insurance requirements, location selection, and waiting list (if there is one). Past policy has been to explain to any initial mooring enquiry that membership benefits of the Club are significant over and above being an independent affiliate mooring holder, yet the overall costs are broadly very similar. Whilst this approach is reasonable, the Club also recognises that not everyone wishes to be a member of a Club and therefore an application for an affiliate mooring will be accepted and processed fairly in the normal way.

Explanation of Affiliate Charges:-

The benefits of being a member of the Stour Sailing Club are varied and with specific relation to the mooring system, central funds of all members are used to maintain many of the facilities that mooring holders use. Examples range from the wash down tap, maintenance of quaysides, slipways, and navigation buoyage, to supporting the volunteer labour that checks and maintains mooring records (often using club launches and/or fuel in the process), and liaising with Harwich Haven Authority and/or the Crown Estate, which in all is a significant task.

Whilst the Club can decide via its management committee what is a general member benefit and/or what might be subsidised on behalf of its mooring holders, in the interests of fairness and transparency it must pass on fair and reasonable pre-determined and fixed costs directly to affiliate members for the use of such Club funded facilities. However, whilst the Club might approach its members to raise additional funds for a large capital project, it would not in this event approach affiliate members.

For the above reasons it is agreed that affiliates will pay an additional sum over and above the standard fee for the mooring licence itself and any legal/administration fee applicable.

It is impractical to run an entirely independent financial system for the current number of affiliates, but this will be reviewed continually and even a single affiliate will have his/her fees ring-fenced in a reportable way to ensure they are allocated to only an appropriate mooring related cost centre/s.

The charges themselves are intended to be fair and reasonable and set at a sensible market rate with discretion as to what is charged lying solely with the Club. Affiliate mooring holders may use their dinghy and/or tender from both the East and West hard, and can wash down using the East hard tap. The Club provides the navigation marks and lights which are beneficial to all river users. More specifically, the premises owned by the Stour Sailing Club including toilets, bar, meeting rooms and kitchen, East and West compounds, sheds, storage areas and Electricity supplies are NOT available to affiliate members along with any other facility that would normally be considered to be a benefit of Club membership.

NB. Please refer to the Mooring Regulations for further information.

Current Charges:-

The current annual fee for a cruiser/fisher mooring licence to a club member is £81.00 and £57.00 for a dinghy mooring. It has been agreed that the additional fee for affiliates as referred to and explained above will currently be £65 per annum.