

Welcome to Paignton SC



The members of Paignton Sailing Club extend a warm welcome to all competitors including families and friends taking part in sailing events at Paignton. We hope you will take full advantage of the facilities in the club and participate in all the social activities. Don't forget you are in a beautiful part of the country and we hope you or your family/friends will find time to explore some of the scenery in the area. There are many amenities and attractions for families in and around Paignton. You can get information about these from the tourist information centre near the dingy park. One thing we can't control is the weather but if the sun shines and the winds are good there is no better place to sail than in Torbay.

Advanced info for sailors competing in events at Paignton

Finding the Boat Park

The boat park is on Paignton South Green. Once arriving in Paignton follow the signs to the sea front. Once on the sea front drive south to the Brixham end. The South Green is the last of three greens on the left. The entrance to the Green is through a manned gate at its southern end (ignore the no entry sign). This will take you onto the Esplanade which is closed to traffic in the summer months except for loading and unloading for participation in events.

Parking your boat

When you drive onto the Esplanade pull up on the seaward side of the Green. Follow the instructions of the boat park marshals as to where to park your boat and trailer – there will be a boat park plan. Parking is not allowed on the Esplanade so as soon as you have unloaded your boat and gear you must leave the area and park your car elsewhere (see below – car parking)

The boat park will be open from 0900 on the first day of the event. For events of 2 days or more the boat park will normally be open during the evening of the day before the event. If you arrive outside these times you can leave your boat and trailer temporarily in the harbourside dinghy park in front of Paignton Sailing Club free of charge with the approval of the harbourmaster (01803 557812).

On racing days the exit of dinghies will be strictly controlled using a tally system and the gate at the entrance to the Esplanade will be closed.

Car Parking

Like many sea-side areas, parking can be a problem. Parking is not allowed on the Esplanade or on the harbour quayside. There is a multi-store car park immediately behind the club but it is expensive. Free roadside parking can usually be found in the residential roads around the club and the Green (see area street map). Even better is to book yourself into nearby accommodation with parking.

The club

You will find the club on the south side of Paignton harbour a few minutes walk from the Green. You will be able to get drinks and food at the club especially before going out to sail or on return. During the day the club will be open for family members and friends for cups of tea/coffee and snacks. The club will be used for briefings and the event's main social activities. It will also have a notice board for race management notices, results and weather forecasts. There are limited changing facilities and showers in the clubhouse. Access to the club changing rooms is controlled by a security code issued at registration.

Toilets

The nearest public toilets to the Green are in Roundham road about half-way between the Green and the club. There are toilets a bit further away in the other direction along the Esplanade under the Apollo cinema complex.

Cyclists

It's a great idea to use a bicycle to get around the harbour and Green areas. However be careful not to cycle on pedestrian routes, in particular do not take a short cut along the south end of the Esplanade footpath and through the archway under the Harbour Lights building. This route is strictly for pedestrians.

Launching and recovery

Competitors will launch by fleets as they are called forward. Tallies will be issued as boats pass through tally control. Trolleys should be easily identified and in good condition. A stand-pipe with hose will be positioned at the south end of the dinghy park for boat washing..

Chandlery

Sometimes for large events a chandlery van is stationed on the Green. Otherwise chandlery facilities in the area are limited although some cordage and fittings are available at Birchell Marine close to the club on the harbourside.

Town centre

The town centre with plenty of shops, banks and a post-office is about 8 minutes walk from the Green. Walk north from the Green and turn left at the Apollo cinema complex into Torbay Road which takes you directly into the town centre. The **tourist information office** is on the ground floor, land-side of the complex.

Accommodation and tourist information:- www.englishriviera.co.uk