

## Bradwell Quay Yacht Club

In encouraging active use of your boat in these challenging times BQYC is offering a special introductory membership to mooring holders for 2009. Open to all new memberships there will be no joining fee and the annual subscription will be at half the standard rate.



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This means that from about a £1 a week you have 24/7 access to the club house plus all the associated benefits of membership. Members hold keys which enable them to come and go as they please seven days a week. There's also free car parking, a secure oar/outboard engine storage shed, outboard cleaning tank, showers, galley, BBQ, regular news letter and e-mail bloggs etc. The discounted fee includes an all year round social programme and seasonal sailing events. We think this is real value for money, so if you're not already a member, why not come along and find out for yourself.

Just call into the club house at the top of the slip or telephone June, the Membership Secretary, for a little more information. **Tel: 01621 890173** . We look forward to meeting or hearing from you.

### Mooring Specifications - Please read your license agreement

Length of vessel	Anchors 2 in kgs	Ground chain	Riding Scope	Ground chain length in meters
Up to 25 feet	35 kg	½ (14mm) <i>(22mm preferred)</i>	3/8 (10mm) <i>(14mm preferred)</i>	20
25 to 30 feet	35 kg	5/8 (16mm) <i>(22mm preferred)</i>	3/8 (10mm) <i>(14mm preferred)</i>	20
30 feet plus	35 kg	¾ (19mm) <i>(24mm preferred)</i>	½ (14mm) <i>(16mm preferred)</i>	20

**Use plain steel chain**, galvanized offers little additional protection, in fact it will erode faster because of the dissimilar metals. Don't think a bit of stainless will help. Again the opposite is true; the electrolysis caused by dissimilar materials simply accelerates deterioration.

**Ground chain** must have sufficient slack to enable them to be raised at low water for examination of the riding scope junction. Ground chains must be laid with the direction of the tide. Not across the creek.

**Use good swivel fitting** in connecting ground chain and riding scope on the creek bed, this will avoid twisting the riding scope and ground chain, ensuring the load of the boat is taken up correctly.

**Use good quality steel shackles** which have been secured with monumental wire or electricians plastic ties. (the threads erode and the pin is in danger of falling/rolling out if not secured).

This can occur quite quickly and is unfortunately all too common. So check you're riding scope shackles.

**Use just sufficient riding scope** so that the ground chain is just lifted at high tide. As the boat takes the weight it will avoid careering around and the blocking of fairways at lower states of tide.

**Use a Buoy of adequate size that is clearly marked** with the mooring number as required by the license agreement. Check the design of your buoy and if in doubt fit a safety stop directly from the riding scope to the boat. Some makes of buoy have been known to fail.

**It is important to lift the buoy from the water when securing the boat** this will ensure the boat feels the weight of the chain which will make her lie more quietly at all states of tide.

**Temporary buoys** If used in the laying up season when you are lowering the riding scope to the sea bed the buoy must be of appropriate size and marked with the mooring number. No plastic bottles that then sink on the ebb tide. Temporary buoys should be removed at the beginning of each season. Alternatively leave your permanent mooring buoy attached.

**Inspect Mooring tackle regularly.** Annual inspection by a competent person of the riding scope and its connection to the ground chain is a minimum requirement of the license. It is recommended that the ground chain and anchors are inspected very three years. More frequent inspection of shackles on the riding scope is recommended. (Couple of times a season would not be untoward)

**Insurance** third party insurance cover is a condition of the license and must be maintained.

**Responsibility** failure to maintain and use the mooring responsibly could result in the license being revoked and the boat removed. Any work concerned with removal of a boat or recovery of a boat that has broken away will be charged by Bradwell Outdoors or the mooring contractor at day work rates.

*These notes are produced by Bradwell Quay Yacht Club in supporting the interest of all mooring license holders.*

*If you wish to contribute to future issues or raise any matters of concern please contact the club directly.*