

# **A brief introduction to the SPBA**



The SPBA exists to provide affordable facilities to people local to Plymouth to take part in water activities, who would otherwise be unable to afford marina type fees. We are not a marina and do not offer marina type services. We have no employees. We are a self help group run by a committee of 7 volunteers elected annually at an AGM. The vast majority of maintenance work is carried out by the members themselves. The AGM is held mid-November each year at Plymouth Albion SWComms Suite. All members are encouraged to attend.

We have recently been successful in renewing the lease for the mooring area from Mount Edgcumbe Estates for a further 23 years. Our goal in the next couple of years is to renew the lease for the boatyard and buildings from Plymouth City Council.

Our facilities are modest but perfectly adequate. We have a clubroom with a veranda, workshop, engine shed, for the storage of outboard motors, toilet and shower and bosun's shed.

From October to April, the whole of the boatyard is used for boat storage. We have space for approximately 32 boats and we have a waiting list for members wishing to take up winter storage. Members wishing to apply for winter storage should contact the Yardmaster, Nick Theis

During the summer months, the south half of the boatyard is used as a public overflow car park for the Cremyll Ferry. The northern half of the boatyard is used for car parking by SPBA members on a first come first served basis, strictly one car per mooring. Mooring holders are given a parking permit which must be displayed in their vehicle.

Access to the water during the season is via a walkway to the pontoons. The north side of the pontoons is used for the berthing of tenders and the club dory. The south side of the pontoons has space for 3 boats to berth for loading / unloading, taking on water etc. No overnight stays are permitted on the pontoon without prior permission from a committee member.

At the end of each season during the October lift out, the walkway to the pontoon is moved into the yard. The two 30 foot pontoons are moved to the winter berth to protect them from storm damage. The pontoons and walkway are reinstated during the spring launch in April.

Tender storage is available in racks in the yard and a limited number of berths on the north side of the pontoon. Pontoon berthing for tenders is during the season only. There is currently a waiting list for pontoon berthing of tenders. Tender storage is managed by the Yardmaster, Nick Theis.

Moorings are allocated by the Mooring Officer, Steve Pinnick. There is a pecking order for moorings. All new members are allocated a trot mooring. Once a member has a trot mooring they may ask to go onto the waiting list for a swinging mooring. Members who have a swinging mooring can ask to be put onto the waiting list for a deep water mooring. Moorings are maintained by each individual mooring holder. Moorings are not maintained by the association. The mooring officer is available to give guidance and help with mooring regulations and practical help.

The SPBA has strict rules regarding boat insurance. It is a condition of membership that all boat owners have adequate insurance for their vessel at all times. More information on insurance is covered in the club rules and regulations.

Yard keys are available to mooring holders from the mooring officer Steve Pinnick. A £20 deposit is required. Yard keys remain the property of the SPBA at all times and are not transferable.

Membership and mooring fees are payable by the 30 September each year. A late payment surcharge of £25 becomes payable for payments received after this date. This surcharge is to encourage members to pay their fees on time.

It is important that the information we hold about your membership is up to date as this is used to prepare any mailings sent out, invoices and of course contact details are essential in the case of emergency.

For more detailed information about the SPBA, please visit our website [www.spba.org.uk](http://www.spba.org.uk).

For general enquiries, please contact the club secretary. For specific enquiries relating to moorings, membership etc, please contact the relevant committee member.

If you don't have a committee members contact details just use the club email on the webpage and your message will be forwarded to the relevant person.