

# BMBHA

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# NEWSLETTER

Brighton Marina Berth Holders' Association

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## Letter from the Chair

Welcome to the first edition of the BMBHA Newsletter!

"At long last, berth holders at Brighton Marina, one of the largest marina complexes in Europe, now have their own association. Its successful formation has been due to the very hard work of several key individuals, especially Jacquie Dowding and Julie Dennison, who initiated the inaugural meetings and had the vision to provide the framework for the BMBHA's creation.

"All berth holders now have a purpose-built conduit for information and communication, with the long-overdue benefit of a single voice for airing opinions and making sure all suggestions are heard. Our objective is to manage communication between berth holders and Premier Marinas as effectively as possible, to ensure a mature, professional approach can be maintained by all parties, while addressing any issues as they arise. We, and Premier Marinas, see it as a win-win situation – benefiting both sides, and giving everyone mooring their boats here a chance to provide feedback for Premier, and have a positive influence on the marina's long-term direction and development."

John Boyce, Chairman, Brighton Marina Berth Holders Association

## How to Join

The more berth holders that join – the stronger our voice. Membership is open to all boat owners and occupiers of the marina's 1600 berths, including families, syndicates and charter companies. There is a nominal £10.00 annual fee, renewable in January each year, with the first renewals set for January 2009 – so sign up soon, and get 17 months' membership for the price of 12! Membership forms are available from the Marina Reception on the West Jetty, from the toilet blocks, and from several marina businesses, including SMR and SailnetUK.

## It's Official!

Launched during July 2007, the Brighton Marina Berth Holders' Association (BMBHA) has been formed with the co-operation and support of Premier Marinas Ltd. The first inaugural meetings were attended by well over one hundred berth holders, resulting in a steering group and the formation of the association's committee. Inaugurated with the assistance of the RYA, and with its organisation based on the RYA-approved model for berth holders' associations, the BMBHA will be primarily responsible for representing the interests of its members to Premier Marinas and to other businesses in the marina.

One of our first tasks is to work closely with the General Manager of Brighton Marina, to prepare an agreeable and workable Berth Holders' Charter, which will set the benchmark for the services and facilities available in the marina.

The BMBHA is the first berth holders' association to be formally established with RYA approval at Brighton Marina, since the first boats moored up here in 1978.

## Membership Benefits

Every member, in return for the modest membership fee, has the opportunity to raise issues and voice concerns, and to submit ideas or suggestions that could improve any aspect of life on the water in Brighton Marina. We are negotiating discounts for members with all businesses in the marina – chandlers, retailers and restaurants – with many savings and special offers already agreed. Simply show your membership card, and enjoy! We will be shortly launching a dedicated website for members ([www.bmbha.org.uk](http://www.bmbha.org.uk)), which will include news and up-to-date discount availability, as well as a chat forum facility for lively debate about any marina-related topic. A programme of regular meetings and social events for members is also under way.

## Pontoon Representatives – We Need You!

To help us be as effective as possible on your behalf, we need volunteers for Pontoon Representatives. Volunteers who would be prepared to act as the initial point of contact for berth holders – to enable a grass-roots level of communication and ensure any suggestions or concerns can be brought to the committee's attention swiftly and efficiently. If you would like to become a rep for your pontoon, please get in touch with any member of the committee.

MEET THE COMMITTEE



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Hold it there Bill!  
I think I got a  
connection!



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10% Discount on all Courses to BMBHA members! Pop into the cabin on Pontoon 19 or call 01273 628 648



**Brighton Lifeboat Open day**  
 Sunday  
 2nd September  
 10:00-16:00  
 Souvenir sales, boat displays, sea safety caravan, seacheck opportunities, etc

**BMBHA LAUNCH PARTY BBQ**  
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