

# Marchwood Yacht Club Visitors Guide

## Welcome.

Whether this is your first time you have visited Marchwood, or if you have visited us before, on behalf of club's members I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our Club. Here at Marchwood we pride ourselves on being a friendly club that welcomes fellow yachtsmen and I hope that you will enjoy your stay with us. To help you with all those questions I am sure that we all have when visiting somewhere new; we have compiled this short guide to the club and other information, which you may find useful. We have tried to stay on the lighter side but I do wish to draw your attention to the Health and Safety section. Could I ask you all to read it especially if you have children with you.

Once again welcome and we look forward to meeting with you in the Club House.

*The Commodore.*

## First Contact

If you are a part of a party, your Officer Of the Day (OOD) is here to welcome you to the club and to provide you with assistance and advice on where best to moor your boat. We may have several yacht clubs visiting at any one time and we will endeavour to keep you all together. However, expected numbers and the draught of your boat will have some bearing on where you will be asked to moor. We do try to keep part of the outermost pontoon marked in yellow free for the club members to pick up and drop off crew and kit.

If you are the first of your party, please pass on to the OOD any details you can about other members of your group you are expecting and they can try and plan to keep you all together.

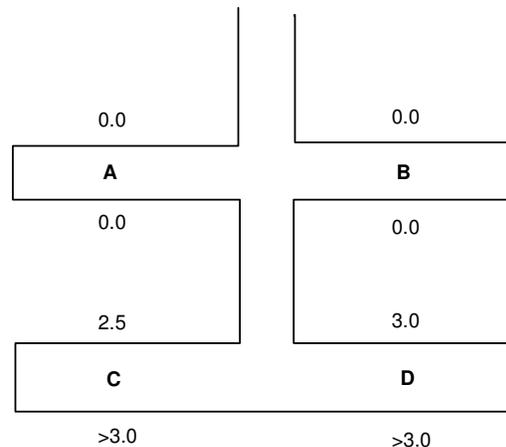
The OOD will also provide you with the code for accessing the pontoon gates and the showers. If no OOD is present please speak to one of our club members who will be pleased to help you.

## Approximate depths in metres at Chart Datum

The following depths have been recorded in the past on the pontoons at LWS:

- Hammerhead outside – 3 metres
- Hammerhead inside - 2.5 metres
- Inner pontoons; outer – 1.0 metres
- Inner pontoons; inside - dries

At neaps there will be sufficient water at LW for a boat with a draught of 1.5 metres



## Please Note:

The pontoon area was dredged during the winter of 2009/10 and far greater depths have been reported

The bottom is soft mud

When mooring alongside other yachts:

- Beware of the possibility of clashing masts.
- The tugs can cause considerable wash!

Also beware of the strong ebb stream!

## The Keys

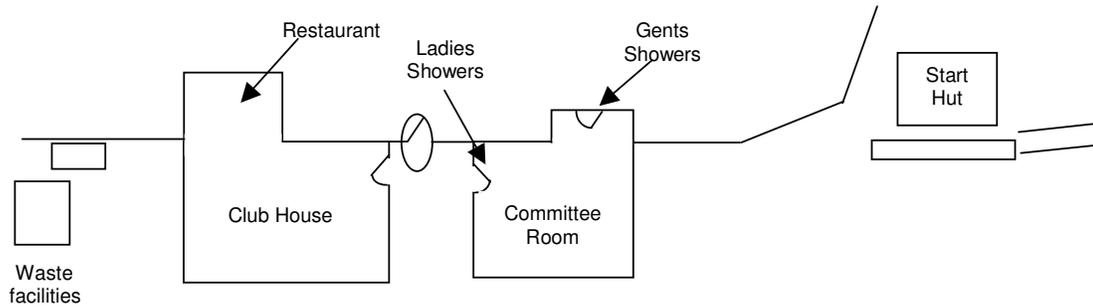
Security is an unfortunate part of modern life which means the club has a locked gate on the pontoon and locks on the shower facilities.

Visitor keys are however no longer necessary at Marchwood since access can be obtained by using the keypads located alongside the locks, using the code advised by the OOD

### **Pontoon and Shower Room Access**

By using the keypad code an electronic lock that is situated slightly up and to the right as you are exiting the pontoon will be activated. When the correct code is entered a buzzing sound will be heard indicating the lock has been released

The showers are located within the Committee Room Building (see below)



### **The Club Facilities**

Club facilities are available to our visitors providing the Club Rules are respected and the fees paid.

So that we do not fall foul of the licensing laws can you please ensure all sign our visitors book located in the clubhouse.

### **Club Bar and Restaurant**

These are both located within the Club House. When entering for the first time please sign the visitors book (to comply with the licensing laws)

The bar opens normally during lunchtime (12 to 2 pm) Saturday and Sunday and from 8:00pm on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights. Please remember the club is run by volunteers, so opening times are a little flexible. Please be patient and remember, we will be as desperate as you for the first of the day!

The restaurant is normally open during lunchtime for light meals and sandwiches whilst in the evening it has a set menu along with a number of specials of the day. We recommend that you get in early, as these tend to go pretty quickly. If you are expecting a large number of diners or have special dietary requirements, please contact the restaurant on 023 8034 3094 or 077 0656 2583.

### **Water**

Water taps are located at the two ends of the central pontoon. We suggest you let these run for a while to clear any water in the pipes, especially in the summer, if you are filling up your water tanks. Could we please ask you to use the water wisely and not for washing down boats; our supply is metered – thanks.

### **Electricity**

We are sorry but we have no electricity available on the pontoons.

### **Mooring Fees**

Normally the mooring fee will be collected by your OOD. Should you arrive late or otherwise miss them, please pay at the bar in the clubhouse. We have a flat fee of £10.00 for each boat irrespective of length.

## **Your Neighbours**

We hope you will enjoy yourself at our club but please respect your neighbours on the pontoon if you are continuing on into the small hours – you could always invite them to join you – you never know what new friends you may meet

**Please Note: It is a club requirement that no boat is left unattended overnight.**

## **Strange Noises in the Night**

If this is your first time here you could find yourself awakened by strange noises in the middle of the night. Sometimes this can sound like escaping gas, but before you start to panic, have a quick look outside, you may find that the tugs are swinging one of the large container vessels through 180 degrees! – It's quite amazing to watch them do it!

## **Navigational warnings**

When approaching or leaving the pontoons stay to the east of the port channel buoys and the moorings. The temptation is to cut off the corners, but there are several mud banks to the south of the pontoons to catch you out.

## **Fuel**

The nearest fuel bunkers are at Hythe Marina, or Itchen Marine at American Wharf.

## **Waste**

There are bottle banks and waste bins by the main entrance to the club. Please do not place paint cans, oil or oil containers in the skip.

## **Health and Safety**

Please be aware the pontoon system can be slippery, there are trip hazards and in adverse weather extreme care is required.

Boat yards are dangerous places. There are boat and crane movements in the boat yard throughout the year, hazardous machinery and items left on the ground that catch you unaware. Please be extremely careful when you enter the yard. We ask you not to allow children to enter the boat yard. However, if they must do so, we insist you to accompany them and keep them under close supervision at all times.

There are strong currents in and around the pontoons so please take care at all times. There are a number of emergency ladders situated on the pontoons and we recommend you note their position just in case. Swimming from the pierhead and pontoons is **prohibited**.

The club premises are subject to flooding at times of high spring tides so it may be necessary to close the flood gates at the top of the slipway. If they are closed please do not attempt to interfere with them.

## **Conduct**

We wish you to enjoy the facilities within our club. However; we will not tolerate disruptive or aggressive behaviour towards our members or other visiting yachtsmen. Should this be the case, you will be asked to leave the club and the pontoon immediately.

## **Disclaimer**

Marchwood Yacht Club accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any injury, theft, loss or damage consequential or otherwise suffered by any person or property whilst on any part of the Club's premises.

## Finally

We hope you enjoy your stay here at Marchwood and welcome you back soon.  
If you have any comments on how we can improve this guide please email your suggestions to:  
visitors@marchwoodyc.org.uk

Please visit our website at [www.marchwoodyc.org.uk](http://www.marchwoodyc.org.uk) for more information about our club, with a full programme of events and a full account of the history of the old Magazine and our listed buildings.

## Local Information

### Local Shops

Marchwood has a small parade of shops in the village centre next to the school about three quarters of a mile away.

#### Chemist

Day Lewis Pharmacy 1 Marchwood Village Centre 02380870063 **A**

#### Baker

The Manna House Unit 9, Marchwood Village Centre, 023 8087 0421 **B**

#### Marchwood P.O

Village Centre, Marchwood, 023 8086 3155 **C**

#### Pubs

Roebuck (+ restaurant), Marchwood Village Centre, 023 8066 3036 **D**

The White Horse, Main Rd, Marchwood, 023 8066 307 **E**

#### Grocers & Convenience Stores

Coop

18, Marchwood Village Centre, 023 8087 1090 **F**

Marchwood Express, 1 The Forge, Main Rd, 023 8087 0663 **G**

