

BYC CRANING ARRANGEMENTS

The Boat Owner is to ensure that their vessel is insured in accordance with Benfleet Yacht Club General Rules

The Boat Owner is to be present during craning operations

You are reminded that craning operations are the requesting Club Member's responsibility, the crane and its operatives are only present to assist the Club Member with the craning operation requested

Please also bear in mind that the Crane Gang are all unpaid volunteers, as are the Slipway Gang, we are all retired and expect to go sailing during the season

For mast/engine craning and boat lifts we need the minimum of a Driver and a Slinger plus at least two physically fit people to pull on the rope hoist/assist with control of the load

The Crane Gang will provide the Driver and Slinger and the Boat Owner will be expected to provide the two fit people to pull the hoist/control the load

During the Winter non-sailing season we try to arrange craning for a Wednesday starting in the morning, we also try to arrange craning on several boats on the same day so that the Boat Owners can help one another as we go from boat to boat (we tend to avoid Weekends due to a greater number of people, dinghies and cars at the Club)

During the Summer sailing season the Crane Gang volunteers will often be away sailing and unable to commit much in advance to a craning date due to the vagaries of the seas and weather

We would suggest that, during the Summer sailing season, if the Boat Owner wants some craning done, they inform the Crane Gang and then one of the Gang will contact them when it is convenient to carry out the task, possibly the night before. If the date offered at short notice is not convenient to them, they remain on the pending list

Please also see the guidelines for mast raising/lowering on the BYC Website – Moorings and Foreshore Section