



FOC – The First Class CW Operators' Club

85th Anniversary - UK Dinner and AGM

Saturday 30th September 2023

Proposed Programme of Events

The 85th Anniversary Weekend has been well-received, and we look forward to welcoming members and guests to London!

Our dinner and AGM event is on Saturday 30th September 2023

The Greenwich Yacht Club
1 Peartree Way,
London
SE10 0BW

This guide also briefly covers an informal gathering we are hosting in a London Restaurant on Friday 29th September 2023 for members who may be staying for the entire weekend.

General.

The Greenwich Yacht Club is located in the Greenwich Peninsular area of South East London. It can quickly be recognised on any map being surrounded on three sides by the “loop” in the river Thames.

Greenwich Peninsula might well be one of the most accessible destinations in London. Public transport links are excellent via London Underground, bus, river boat or even cable car.

Although the Greenwich Peninsular is not geographically that far from Central London, unless you are very familiar with London we wouldn't suggest driving. Sometimes the routes can be confusing and not for the faint hearted. A Taxi all the way from the city centre would also be expensive.

London Underground

Overall, we'd recommend getting to the area by London Underground. This is by far the fastest way. The station for the area is North Greenwich on the Jubilee Line and has great and rapid connections to the centre of the City.

Getting to the Greenwich Yacht Club

The Greenwich Yacht Club is about 0.8 miles from North Greenwich underground station. Stepping out from this station brings you right next to the famous O2 Arena which is a great orienteering landmark on the edge of the river.

Just outside the station is a pedestrianised square with many coffee shops and cafes ideal for taking a pause to become familiar with the area. From here, you can either walk or take a short Taxi ride to the Yacht Club.

Walking

Walking is pleasant because it's right beside the river although 0.8 miles maybe a little far for some of us. It takes about 15 minutes. There is no traffic, you'll only encounter cyclists and joggers and there are multiple places to stop, sit down and look at the views.



The route is marked Thames Path and Olympian Way. If you are in the square outside the underground station simply walk up to the O2 Arena and go to the right side of it as if trying to get behind it. At this point you can join Olympian Way. Then just walk away from the O2 Arena, following the river, and you will reach the Yacht Club after 0.8 miles.

Taxis

This area is extremely well served by Taxis and this will be important to everyone needing to make quick short journeys.

We recommend you equip yourself with an account on Uber Taxi on your mobile phone. They provide a very well established service here. This could be especially useful in getting picked up from the Yacht Club after our event.

If heading over from North Greenwich underground there is also a Taxi rank right outside that you could use if you're not yet set up on Uber.

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Venue

We are using **two venues** within the Greenwich Yacht Club.

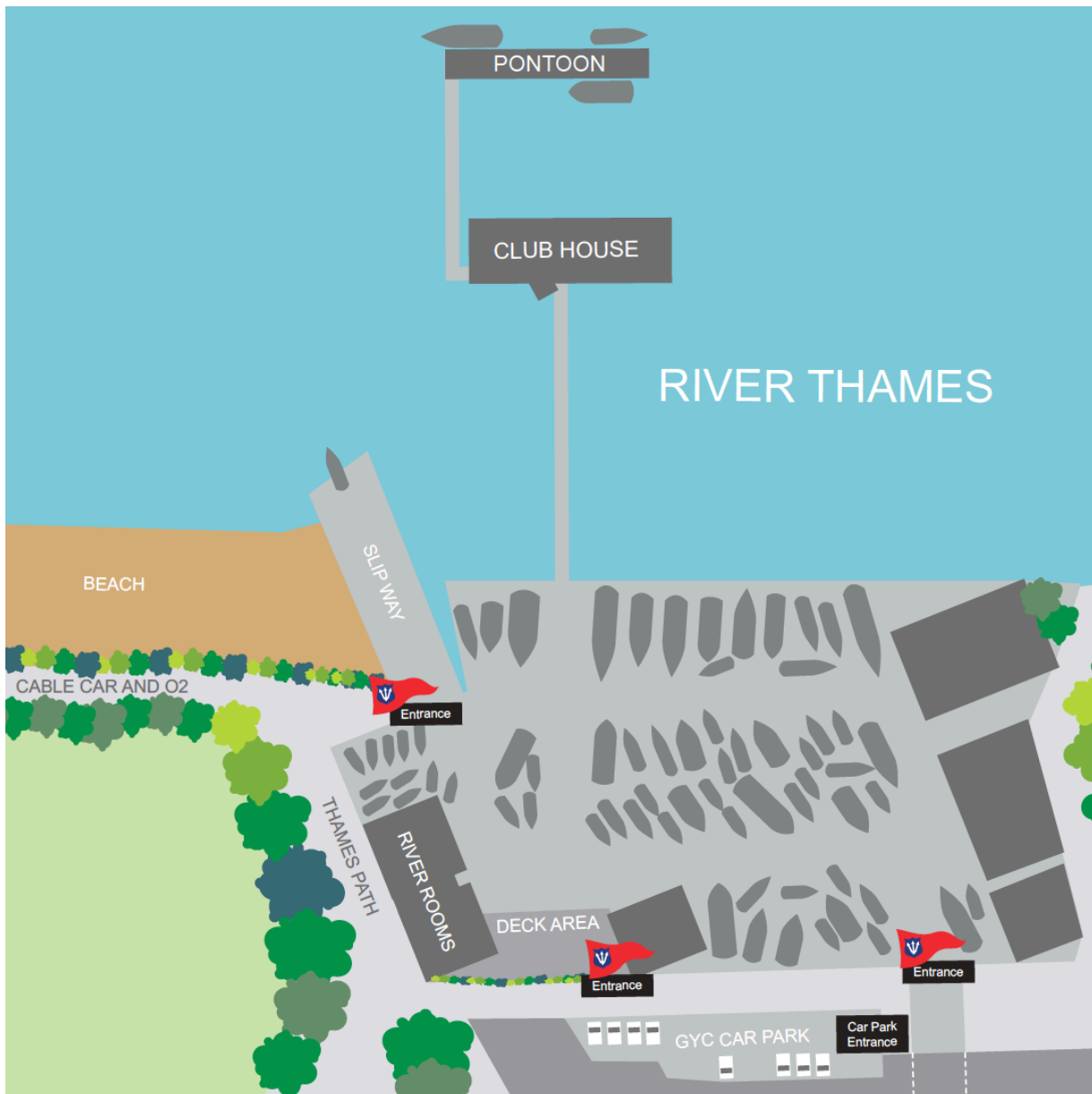
For the **morning and afternoon** we are in the **“River Rooms”**. Here there is a nice lounge for socialising and use of GB85FOC during the morning. In the afternoon the AGM will be held here.



For the **evening dinner** we adjourn to the adjacent **“Club House”** that is situated on a platform right on the river Thames



Greenwich Yacht Club site map



The various points marked “entrance” are through gated areas to the site. The ones shown near the “car park” are probably the most convenient. These will be open and we expect there to be signage indicating our FOC event.

These entrances lead onto “Peartree Way” which is the postal address of the venue and where you’d be dropped off if arriving by Taxi

Their car free park is available to us. It is separately gated and shown on the map. Drive straight in and park. Then and ask the Yacht Club manager for a permit upon entering the River Rooms. He’ll have these available to hand out.

Overall, the venues are step free and flat walking access. In the case of the Club House for dinner, we are on the top floor with spectacular river views - but there is a lift to this floor if required.

Day Plan

	LOCAL TIME	UTC (z)		Zoom	
River Rooms	09:00 AM	08:00	Casual Lounge meetings <i>GB85FOC available</i>		
	09:30 AM	08:30			
	10:00 AM	09:00			
	10:30 AM	09:30			
	11:00 AM	10:00			
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	02:00 PM	13:00		Speakers	✓
	02:30 PM	13:30			✓
	03:00 PM	14:00			✓
	03:30 PM	14:30			✓
04:00 PM	15:00	AGM	✓		
04:30 PM	15:30		✓		
05:00 PM	16:00		✓		
05:30 PM	16:30	Pre dinner drink – photos			
06:00 PM	17:00				
06:30 PM	17:30				
07:00 PM	18:00				
Club House	07:30 PM	18:30	Welcome, Toasts		
	08:00 PM	19:00	Dinner		
	08:30 PM	19:30			
	09:00 PM	20:00			
	09:30 PM	20:30			
	10:00 PM	21:00	Coffee – awards, President hand over		
	10:30 PM	21:30	Drinks @ bar		
	11:00 PM	22:00			
	11:30 PM	22:30			
	12:00 AM	23:00			
12:30 AM	23:30				
01:00 AM	00:00				

Daytime - River Rooms

The River Rooms will be open from 9,00 am to access a lounge area for socialising. We expect to have GB85FOC set up here well which members can operate. There will be a table with inclusive Tea and Coffee available throughout.

Members can come and go during the morning as convenient to fit in with any other plans they may have to investigate the area. **There isn't a lunch at the venue** so you should plan to take a break for that at the various places in the area. A good choice is "The Pilot" pub <https://www.pilotgreenwich.co.uk/> which is close by.

Be sure to be back by 2,00pm when our more formal proceedings start. There will be some speakers starting then and most importantly **the FOC AGM will begin at 4,00 pm.**

After the AGM, at about **5,30 pm** a complimentary glass of Prosecco will be served at a drinks reception. This also provides a moment to capture some photos of us all together. Weather permitting this could extend onto the decking just outside the building.

Evening - Club House (for dinner)

Our dinner at the Club house will be ready for us at **7,30 pm**.

Although the Club House is right next to the River Rooms please allow enough time to get over there especially if you plan to freshen up or get changed.

There's a one to two hour break after the AGM depending on how long you spend at the drinks reception. We are mindful that the Yacht Club is not a Hotel with rooms to change in so there isn't a requirement to attire with formal evening dress. Smart casual is enough.

Upon entering the Club House you will be given a dinner place card with your name and the dishes you ordered when booking the event. You can then go and put these on the tables yourself according to where you want to sit. To get this done quickly it's important to arrive on time.

At **7,30pm**, our President will welcome everyone and conduct some short toasts before the dinner commences at **8,00pm**.

FOC is providing a bottle of red and white wine per table and these will be in place as you sit down. There will also be a wine list at each table should anyone want to order and pay for more. A separate wine waiter will be on alert to take your order and accept payments.

The three course dinner service is expected to run until **10,00pm** at which point coffee will be served at the table. We'll then present some members awards and announce the new FOC President.

After dinner, the Club House lounge and Bar will be open until around midnight.

Informal dinner - Friday 29th September 2023

UPDATED - 19th September 2023

Traditionally, FOC has an informal dinner booked at a local Restaurant on the Friday prior to our event on Saturday.

Our booking is at

**The Pilot,
68 River Way,
Greenwich,
London,
SE10 0BE**

<https://www.pilotgreenwich.co.uk/>

<https://www.pilotgreenwich.co.uk/food/main-menu>

For 6,00 pm on Friday 29th September 2023

Right now, we are holding a table for an estimated number of guests. Some members have already booked here independently.

We'll be sending an email to everyone who has registered for the Greenwich Yacht Club and collect our actual numbers for those who are interested in coming.

Anyone coming to this dinner just settles their own restaurant bill.