**ART & CRAFTS TRAIL at the Brightlingsea Regatta 2019:**

The Regatta is a fun waterside festival & a showcase for local businesses and organisations – so you know what is on offer in our community. The Art & Crafts Trail provides a chance for you to meet local artists and artisans and to explore the sailing & yacht clubs to learn what they do please pop in and enjoy!

We aim to support & promote local practising artists & creators by integrating them into this Brightlingsea Coastal Festival, in the heart of the action, at prestigious indoor venues along the waterfront. Providing the indoor venues, including hanging space on walls, expands the appeal of the Regatta, and Brightlingsea as an Art venue. Many of our local artists are very active in community projects including the Brightlingsea Winterfest, Arts & Crafts Workshops, & the Essex Summer of Art “Travelling Sketchbook”. The Regatta Art Trail is now officially listed as part of Essex Summer of Art <http://www.exploreculture.org.uk/events/6469-brightlingsea-regatta-arts-and-craft-trail>

1. To promote local artists’ work & exhibitions & future events such as Colchester & Tendring Open Studios coming up in September 2019
2. To encourage Brightlingsea Regatta visitors to come and explore the water-sport Clubs and to promote the clubs as future pop-up galleries – a potential sustainable income resource for both clubs and artists

Artists & artisans will be showing a wide range of work ranging from paintings, sculptures and hand-crafted gifts to suit all budgets, to cards and prints from original work. The artists themselves will be there to show and talk about their work so it is a great chance to meet them. The artists come from Brightlingsea & the surrounding area including members of art societies such as Colchester Art Society, Dedham Art Society, The Brightlingsea Art Groups & Anglian Potters.

1. **The Arts & Crafts tent** based in the Brightlingsea Sailing Club car park. This venue is now fully booked including local names such as Nicky Sheales Ceramics.

The Arts & Crafts Tent will be the “base-camp” for the Regatta Arts Trail & will be manned by the artists themselves, and the Art Trail Coordinator local artist & Brightlingsea Sailing Club member Julie Taylor-Lange who will also have “catalogues” for the Art Trail

1. **In addition**, the 3 main water sports clubs will offer indoor hanging space & table space for art works.

**Brightlingsea Sailing Club:**

**Exhibitions:** in the: Estuary Lounge Bar / Galley area & Cadet room

**University Community Sailing Club / Rowing Club: Exhibition** in the Sail Loft

**Colne Yacht Club :**Exhibition in the main restaurant area

For more information see: [www.brightlingsearegatta.com](http://www.brightlingsearegatta.com)

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