



## UNITED SERVICES PORTSMOUTH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

#### CLUB BACKGROUND

United Services Portsmouth Rugby Football Club (**USPRFC**) was founded in 1882 - funded by the Royal Navy - to provide servicemen with the opportunity to play competitive rugby against civilian teams. Before the days of professionalism, USPRFC was one of the best sides in the country. The Armed Forces produced a vast supply of well conditioned athletes who were well organised and disciplined; couple this with comprehensive facilities brought to the club by its Royal Navy ties and it's easy to see why the club enjoyed so much success. USPRFC used to compete with Rugby's Elite (Bath, Leicester, Harlequins, etc) on a regular basis and usually came out on top. In fact, USPRFC were a regular fixture on the All Blacks touring card!



#### VERY MUCH OPEN TO CIVILIAN PLAYERS

Although USPRFC has strong links with the Services, and in particular the Royal Navy, you do not have to be a member of the Services to play for USPRFC.

USPRFC welcomes players of all standards and all ages who enjoy their rugby and want to be part of a club steeped in history & tradition. Our playing squads are made up of an amalgamation of players from HM Royal Navy, Army, Air Force, the local civilian population and in particular the University of Portsmouth Student population.



#### PLAYING SQUADS

USPRFC has three senior playing squads as well as a Veterans set up. The first team competes in **Hampshire Division 1** and are nicknamed '**The Bulldogs**'. The second team competes in Hampshire Merit One and is nicknamed the '**The Buccaneers**'. The third team, nicknamed '**The Crusaders**' and Vets sides are not league affiliated but do play as regularly as they can - depending on player availability.

#### FACILITIES & TRAINING

##### **Training is on Tuesdays & Thursdays starting at 7pm**

USPRFC is largely funded by the Royal Navy and therefore has use of the Royal Navy facilities on Burnaby Road and HMS Temeraire, Portsmouth. These facilities are comprehensive and only really equalled by professional clubs playing at the highest levels. The first team (The Bulldogs) match day pitch on Burnaby Road for instance, is still used for a lot of high profile rugby matches including all the Royal Navy first team fixtures. This pitch is floodlit and overlooked by a sizeable club house, changing & physiotherapy facilities. The training pitches at HMS Temeraire (across the road from Burnaby) are also floodlit and home to the Buccaneers squad on match days. There is also an astro-turf pitch, a running track and two scrum machines available to our coaching staff.





#### COST OF MEMBERSHIP & WHAT YOU GET!

Playing Membership at the club is **£15 per month** which equates to **£180 for the year**. This covers the cost of delivering **training, league and match fees, insurance, transportation, physiotherapy, after match food, playing kit** and various other **social events** throughout the year.

Typically we ask players to make a **£60 upfront fee** during pre-season (July-August time) and set up a **£10 per month standing order** all year round. Other players choose to pay this in one lump sum. The committee are happy to negotiate how the payments are taken.

To set up a monthly standing order (or make a one off annual payment) you will need the following details:

**Account Name:** HMS Nelson Central Fund  
**Sort Code:** 30-96-11  
**Account Number:** 01470298



Make a note of your payment reference number and pass this onto one of the club officials (listed below)

Paying your Membership alone will allow you to play for the Buccaneers & Crusader sides. However, in order to represent the Bulldogs you will need to be registered with us at RFU. For this we need your Full Name, Date of Birth, Current Address and Place of Birth.

Please remember that if you are leaving a club and wish to join US we request that you make the necessary arrangements with your former club before registering.

#### CURRENT COACHING AND SENIOR PLAYER SET UP

Current Club Officials that you are likely to see at Training & Match days are:

- Neil McRoberts            Head Coach
- Craig Chance            Club Secretary
- Matthew Davis            Bulldogs Captain
- Gareth Guyll            Bulldogs Vice-Captain
- Richie Fyall            Buccaneers Captain
- Neil Crosby            Buccaneers Vice-Captain

#### OTHER INFORMATION



You can find more information about the club on our website at:

- <http://www.usportsmouthrfc.co.uk> (or .com)

Or email us at:

- [info@usportsmouthrfc.co.uk](mailto:info@usportsmouthrfc.co.uk) (or.com)

Or join our **Facebook** Group called:

- [United Services Portsmouth RFC - Seniors](#)