

BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT FOOTBALL CLUB

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History

Brightlingsea Regent, previously Brightlingsea United, have completed around 100 years of competitive football. Firstly, in the Border league, between **1908/1909** to **1970** when they joined The Essex Senior league for 20 years having much success, before going on to join the then Jewson League in **1990** and then back to the Border league in **2001/2002**. Brightlingsea United FC and Regent Park Rangers FC amalgamated at the start of **2005/2006** season to become Brightlingsea Regent Football Club. During this time, the squad and club have continued to grow and develop, having success in the Border league Division 1 and cup.

In **2009/2010** new Management team James Webster and Mark Gridley guided Regent to a 4th place finish and followed up the following season in 2010/2011 by winning the Kent Blaxill Essex and Suffolk Border Premier League in a superb season by playing 34, winning 31, drawing 2 and losing just 1 game.

In season **2011/2012**, James Webster added Tom Rothery to the Management team in September and they finished their first season back at Step 6 with a creditable 5th place finish. They also reached the quarter-finals of the Essex Senior Cup before losing to League 2 side Dagenham & Redbridge. The **2012/2013** season was successful for many reasons. Firstly, an FA Vase cup run, which was the longest in the clubs history before bowing out in round 3 (last 64). The club gained promotion back to step 5 and the Premier Division with a third-place finish which included a 22-game unbeaten run during the season. In the final game of the season the team won the First Division KO Cup final with a 1-0 victory over Gt Yarmouth.

The **2013/2014** season in the Eastern Counties Premier Division again proved to be successful for Brightlingsea, gaining promotion after finishing Runners-up to Hadleigh Utd, losing out on the final day by goal difference. The club also reached the last 16 of the FA Vase and in doing so again created more history.

The **2016/2017** season saw Brightlingsea Regent crowned as champions of the Isthmian North Division, notching up an impressive 103 points and finishing 12 points ahead of their closest rivals, ensuring an historic promotion to the Isthmian Premier League.

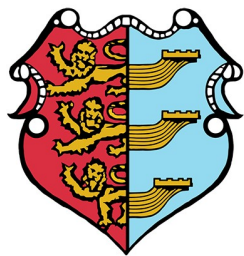
In October 2017 long-standing manager James Webster left the club to be replaced by former assistant manager and coach Tom Rothery, assisted by Pip Boyland, who maintained the R's Isthmian Premier league standing and won the Essex FA's Tolleshunt D'Arcy Memorial Cup.

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2018/2019 saw the Regent achieve their highest ever finish in the non-league pyramid, along with their best ever FA Cup and FA Trophy runs. They also retained the Tolleshunt D'Arcy Memorial Cup with a 1-0 victory at Maldon & Tiptree.

After Tom Rothery stepped down from the manager's position in September 2019, Colchester United legend Kem Izzet took the hot seat and avoided relegation in his first season in charge, In a season that was cut short in February due to Covid-19.

2020/2021 A later than usual start to the season saw Regent make an early management change as Kem Izzet departed the club in October, replaced with the management duo of Tom Austin and Ryan Salter, arriving from FC Clacton. The season was then curtailed in December and no more football was played.

2021/2022 Tom Austin and Ryan Salter resigned from their positions at the Beginning of November with the club positioned within the relegation places. The R's appointed Brett Munyard and his team of Mark Healy, Ricky Stubbs and Dave Limber who dramatically saved the club from relegation on the penultimate game of the season with a 3-0 victory over Haringey Borough to secure Step 3 football for the 6th season.

2022/2023 Brightlingsea Regent suffered their first relegation under the Regent name, finishing bottom of the Isthmian Premier Division following a 6-year spell. We now return to the Isthmian North Division for the 2023/2024 season.

Honours

1988-1989 - Essex Senior League Champions
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1990-1991 - Eastern Counties Division 1 Runners up
2005-2006 - Essex Junior Cup Runners Up
2010-2011 - Essex & Suffolk Border League Premier Division Champions
2011-2012 - AV Lee Memorial Trophy Winners
2012-2013 - Eastern Counties First Division KO Cup Winners
2013-2014 - Eastern Counties League Premier Division Runners-up
2016-2017 - Isthmian League North Division Champions
2017-2018 - Essex FA Tolleshunt D'Arcy Memorial Cup Winners
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