

Broadstairs Sailing Club

Guidelines for the use of Club Boats

Club Boats may be used by;

- Trainees – members of the current training programme
- Members in their first season after completing training
- Club members or Instructors taking out trainees to gain experience
- Club members wishing to gain experience of a different class of dinghy
- *Trainees, including Club members in their first year after completing training who are sailing at the appropriate level, to take part in BSC hosted Open Meetings
- New members with appropriate experience to help in making a choice of dinghy
- Non-boat owning Club members taking part in an organised Club sailing activity
- **Club members wishing to introduce family or friends to the sport

Any use not listed above will not be approved

All persons using Club boats must;

- Hold RYA Level 2 or Stage 3 or above, **or**
- Have a least 2 years' experience on tidal waters, **or**
- Demonstrate an appropriate level of competence, verified by a BSC Instructor
- Wear an appropriate buoyancy aid of the correct size
- Wear clothing and enclosed footwear appropriate to the conditions
- Pay the appropriate Admin Charge, single hander - £5, double hander - £10. No Admin Charge will apply if the boat is being used by or with a BSC Instructor for training or coaching.
- Only use boats during organised Club activities when at least 1 patrol boat is on the water
- Complete the appropriate paperwork before rigging the boat. Where possible booking forms should be completed in advance of the booking date or in any case at least 24 hours before the boat is required. Forms can be handed to the OOD or RO in the squarehead or e-mailed to the Sailing Secretary.
- Return the boat and its equipment after use
- Report any damage or deficiencies
- Abide by all current BSC Rules, Bye-Laws and Sailing Instructions
- Agree to pay the insurance excess for damage caused by negligence

Restrictions and Conditions of use

- All use must be approved by the Senior Flag Officer (SFO), Officer of the Day (OOD) or Race Officer (RO) responsible for activities on the day.
- Approval will only be given if a booking form has been completed, all conditions in these Guidelines and the Code of Practice have been observed and the prevailing, or expected, conditions on the day are suitable for the competency of the member(s) concerned. In this respect, the decision of the OOD or RO on the day will be final.
- Members using Club boats can compete in a Club race but no series points will be awarded unless use of the same boat has been approved for the duration of a series by the same member.
- Members should enlist the help of a 'mentor' (an experienced Club member who will assist in rigging, de-rigging and checking the condition of the boat before and after use). The name of the mentor should be recorded on the booking form.
- **Non-Members (family or friends) must complete a Temporary Membership form in advance or at least 1 hour before the start of activities on the day.
- *Boats will not be available for members use during Open Meetings and other major Club events except as described above.