



Club Dinghy Usage Policy For Junior Sailing Courses

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WHSC has a limited fleet of dinghies available to members for use in club organised activities. The purpose of the fleet is to facilitate the participation of it's members in sailing. Whilst every effort is made to facilitate members and have boats in the best possible working order, members must accept this is not a commercial service and your cooperation is required to maintain boats which are safe and fit for purpose. Club boat rental is subject to the following terms and conditions.

- Club dinghies are only available for rent to paid up members.
- Members are to have respect for and take due care of all club boats and equipment.
- Club dinghies are only available for rent for club organised activities, such as sailing courses, lessons, club outings, and club racing. These activities all have supervision both on and off the water and sailors must remain under the supervision of the organisers. Boats may be taken outside these events only with special permission of the club's committee.
- A member who rents a club boat does so at their own risk.
- A member who rents a club boat for his/her course must complete and sign a Damage Deposit Pledge in advance of the start of their course.
- The rigging of club boats is entirely the responsibility of the member taking the boat. Ensure you have plenty of time before launching to check rigging correctly.
- Boats must be signed out at the beginning of a rental period and signed back in again at the end of that rental period, with either the Senior Instructor (SI), Junior Organiser (JO), or the designated person on the day.
Signing back in **MUST** be with the same person who signed it out.
- **A member who rents a club boat is fully responsible for any damage or loss to the boat whilst in their care**, with the exception of normal wear and tear which will be repaired by the club. It is advised that a member taking a boat should write down and report any damage **prior** to taking the boat out, to the SI, the JO, or the designated person on the day. Failure to report will result in the boat renter being liable for the cost of the unreported damage, and will allow the club the right to have the damage repaired immediately.
- All damage must be reported to the SI, the JO, or the designated person on the day it occurred, immediately on arrival back to shore. Renters must appreciate that unreported damage may result in their own safety and the safety of subsequent renters being put at risk.
- Where the responsibility for the cause of damage is disputed, eg a collision on the water. The incident will be heard by a three person committee of competent sailors appointed by the Commodore and which shall apply the rules of racing and/or ISA guidelines/best practice to adjudicate on the incident. This committee's ruling allocation of responsibility will be final and binding.
- Rental priority will be given to junior course participants, in the first instance.
- After 2018, rental priority for those doing junior sailing courses will be given to new members, new to the sport.
- After 2018, rental priority amongst established members will be given to members who have not previously rented or have had least use.
- The priority policy is to facilitate those entering or trying out the sport, it is not the club policy to facilitate long term or repetitive rental.
- **From 2018 rentals for junior sailing courses will be charged on a stepped rate, as follows**

| First year renter | Second year renter | Third year renter | Subsequent years |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| €50 p.w. | €80 p.w. | €110 p.w. | €150p.w. |

- Boats will be allocated on a first come first served basis applying club policy, as stated. The JO will allocate rental boats for the Junior Courses. The SI or the designated person will allocate boats for dinghy racing, outside of Wednesday evening racing. The Adult Training Officer will allocate boats for adult training.
- Sailors doing junior sailing course and who are renting club boats will be allocated a club boat on Monday morning of their course by the SI. This is the boat they will use for the entire week, including Wednesday evening dinghy racing, until the end of the course on Friday evening. Under no circumstances is a sailor to use any other boat, or to take pieces of equipment from any other boat without asking the permission of the SI or the JO.
- Every effort will be made to facilitate members. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

We confirm that we have read, understood and agree with the terms of this policy

Parent/Guardian's signature

Sailor's signature

Date

