



Weston Sailing Club



Day Sailing Application and Club Craft Hire

Helm	Crew
Name (and 'Hirer', if applicable)	Name
Address	Address
Age (if under 18)	Age (if under 18)
Helm Telephone	Helm Email
If using your own Dinghy at Weston SC:	
Class	PY No.
Sail No	
Club (if applicable)	

Day Sailing Fee (Own Boat)	Weston Sailing Club Hire fees (including day sailing fee)		
	Craft	Member	Guests (of members)
£10 per Person, per Day £.....	Pico/Topper	Free	£15/session
	Feva	Free	£15/session (per guest)
	Laser/Laser rig	Free	£15/session
	Laser XD (Racing only)	£10/session	£20/session
	Byte C1 (Racing only)	£10/session	£20/session
	RS Vision	£10/session	£20/session (per guest)
	STX Paddleboard	£5/HOUR	£15/HOUR

Total Fee Paid (including Club Hire fees if applicable): £.....	Cheques should be made payable to "Weston Sailing Club"
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The fees are used towards the maintenance of the craft, must be paid in advance of the hire, and are not negotiable.

If hiring a club dinghy or paddleboard, please turn over and read BEFORE signing below

Declaration - using own boat with Insurance and/or Club Hire

I agree to be bound by the current World Sailing rules, the prescription of the RYA, the Sailing Instructions, the appropriate class rules, and the Club Hire Policy and Guidelines. **If using my own boat**, I also declare that I hold a valid and current certificate of insurance, including Third Party Liability cover, to a minimum of £3,000,000 which covers me whilst racing and that it will continue to do so whilst at Weston Sailing Club.

Signed:	Date:
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Weston Sailing Club Dinghy and Paddleboard Hire – Policy and Guidelines

The sailing club owns several dinghies, rigs, and paddleboards (hereafter also called 'craft') which are used for training but are also available to hire by club members for either racing (dinghies only) or cruising use.

1. Club Hire Principles

- Club craft may only be hired when available, during times when the club room is open, and any of the Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer, or a member of the General Purpose (GP) or Sailing Committee (SC) is at the club. At least 24 hours booking in advance is essential online via the Members Portal and hire will not usually be allowed 'on the day'
- Club craft and kit will **not** be available for hire if the prevailing, or forecast winds/gusts, are forecast to exceed 20 knots (15 knots for paddleboards). **The Race Officer, GPC, or SC member decision on the wind is final**
- A session may last for the whole period of the club event on that day, or until the hirer has finished using the club craft and advises this to the Authoriser (see below). Paddleboard hire is for a full hour or multiples thereof. This may mean that a club craft can be hired again that day, subject to the 'Club Hire Principles' and these guidelines
- The hirer is responsible for the craft and its equipment, together with the safety of the craft and crew, with due consideration to the weather conditions, sailing area, experience of the crew. The number of crew sailing a club dinghy is limited to the recognised maximum crew numbers for the class of dinghy (i.e. Pico and Laser - 1 crew, RS Feva - 2 crew, etc.).
- Club craft may only be hired by adult Weston Sailing Club members or their guests. For dinghies, they must hold the RYA Level 2 certification or above and may be asked to produce their certificate. Other members who are undergoing training and wish to gain additional experience may be permitted to hire a club craft with agreement of the club sailing instructors on the day of the hire.
- Junior members holding the RYA Level 2 or WSC Helms competency certification may also hire a club dinghy when accompanied by an adult and may be asked to produce their certificate. In respect of Junior Members, the parent/carer is responsible for the completion of the hire documents and must remain at the Club for the duration of the hiring session.
- Please note, there is **no provision for hiring out club craft to non-members**, other than guests of members, and subject to the club rules on guests

2. Arranging the hire of the club craft

- The Hirer **MUST** book in advance on line, complete a hire form, and pay the fees before use. All hirers will receive a confirmation email and show this to the Authoriser when they arrive at the club. Any special restrictions or limitations will be stated on this email
- All hire **MUST** be approved on the day of hire by the Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer, GPC, or SC member ('**The Authoriser**').
- The Authoriser takes responsibility for the collection of this form, the hire fee, and the safe return (and storage) of the club craft
- The Authoriser, when approving the hire, may restrict the usage of the craft, or the sailing area, as deemed appropriate for the prevailing conditions, experience of the helm and/or crew, etc. Usually, the area will be within the view of the Club House, Race Box, and Patrol boat(s). Only when agreed in advance by the Authoriser may club craft be taken out of this area or land at any location other than the club foreshore and slipways.
- Weston Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse the use of any club craft or Laser rigs for hire.

3. Using the club craft

- The Hirer must make sure they collect the correct equipment (e.g. sails, paddle, etc.) from the Training Shed or other locations as directed. The hirer should be able to rig the craft themselves at Level 2, however, please ask the authoriser if you have any doubts as to the correct rigging or safe operation of the club craft. (Mast floats should be used with RS Visions and the RS Feva).
- Junior members must not launch unless there is a safety boat on the water, or, this has been agreed with the Authoriser.
- After your session, wash the dinghy or paddleboard with clean water and put everything away tidily where you found it. Except for booms in the dinghies, do not leave easily removable equipment in, or on, the craft.
- Dinghy covers must be put back on and securely fastened unless you are requested not to do so by the Authoriser.
- **If, in the opinion of the Authoriser, the hirer is deemed to be misusing the club craft or using it in a manner that is thought to endanger the club craft, its crew, or other people, the hirer will be instructed to immediately return the craft to the club (no refunds will be given).**
- Most Club craft (and rigs) are only insured for 3rd party liability and the Hirer will be deemed liable to any excess or a share of the costs incurred by the Club. Failure to correctly report a potential insurance claim will make the hirer liable for the full cost, and/or excess. All damage or issues **MUST** be reported to the Authoriser immediately.
- **All damage, loss, or other issue with the craft and its equipment occurring during the hire WILL be deemed the responsibility of the hirer, if it was reasonably avoidable, or results from misuse. This includes Laser rigs and any bent/broken spars or sails.**