

Orkney Sailing Club

Use of Club Boats policy (10/01/2015)

1. **objective** – to allow use of the club boats to promote the sport of sailing whilst indemnifying the club and its officials/members from any potential claim in respect of an incident or damage to equipment or person.
2. **when** – only when an Orkney Sailing Club controlled session is taking place with Safety Boat cover on the water and Senior Instructor(s) and/or shoreside official(s) present. This will include OSC regattas, training evenings (usually Tuesdays 18:30 to 20:30), points racing sessions and any other Club organised and controlled session. Club boats may only be taken to “away” events after written approval from the Chief Instructor
3. **where** – only within the confines of the notified sailing area for the session, which for Kirkwall Bay means not north of a line between buoys “Yacht East” and “Yacht West” unless specifically amended in written Sailing Instructions by the Club.
4. **who** - any fully paid up sailing member who has been approved to use Club Boats of the relevant class by a Senior Instructor and whose approval has not been withdrawn. Non members or members who have not been approved are not permitted to sail in Club Boats in any capacity.
5. **how** - a log is kept for all Club Boats noting their serviceability and any repairs or faults. Any member skippering a Club Boat is responsible for the serviceability of the boat used and must therefore inspect the boat and certify that it is serviceable before use by “signing out” the boat in the log book at the control room with the date and the names of the skipper and any crew. The entry must be countersigned by an Instructor or an Official at the time. **If no Instructor or Official is available then Club Boats may not be used.** At the end of the session the boat must be “signed back in” together with a log note of any damage, repairs required, or wear and tear; once again the “sign in” must be countersigned by an Instructor or an Official.
6. **wear & tear** – the cost of wear & tear will be subsidised by a relevant charge for each session, to be paid by members who skipper Club Boats. Topper or Pico £5, Wayfarer or Feva £10. This is not a hire charge, it is a contribution towards wear & tear.
7. **repair costs** - the Club insures the boats against damage but any member (except trainees taking part in a Club course) using Club Boats will be required to pay any costs the Club incurs in respect of damage, such as the insurance excess or the full cost when an insurance claim is not made – the Club retains full discretion as to when and if any insurance claim is made.
8. **insurance** - any member using Club Boats must indemnify the Club against any claims beyond the Club’s insurance, whether personal or from third parties, arising from their use of Club Boats.

Non compliance with any part of this policy will lead to withdrawal of approval to use Club Boats.