

Dinghy Lease Terms and Conditions

The following Ballyholme Yacht Club's dinghies, Toppers, RS Fevas and Laser 1s, are available for lease to club members*.

Who can lease a dinghy?

Any member, other than Social Associates and Outport members, can lease a club boat (Toppers, RS Fevas or Laser 1s) for sailing or racing if they can demonstrate a level of sailing competency or hold RYA Level 2 for adults or Stage 3 for those under sixteen. *A young person under 18 must be supervised or have permission from their parent or guardian to go afloat.

- Applications only from members*
- Applicant MUST hold RYA NSS Level 2/YSS Stage 3 or demonstrate an appropriate level of competency to an appointment representative from the Club.
- Applications for the lease of a boat that is a suitable pathway for the applicant profile (age, ability, size etc. *Toppers 8- 16 age group sailors etc. ** Laser 4.7 33-55kgs, Radial 55-75kgs & Full 75 kg plus)
- Application from a member who does not own a boat
- Application from a member who has not leased a boat from BYC in the past 3 years

If there are multiple valid applications meeting the criteria, in the first instance, the club will approach the applicants in an attempt to see if the lease can be shared (ie 3 months each: early, late summer points or 1st /2nd parts of winter icebreaker series). Failing agreement, a random draw will be used to allocate. NB:only with prior agreement (confirmed in writing) can Eric Twiname Trust Toppers and RS Fevas be used off site at the following: RYA Youth Championships, RYA Feva training or at RS traveller series.

Toppers, RS Fevas Lasers may be leased to participate in Club racing as part of the lease agreement.

Club Training, including youth summer courses, adult sailing courses and training days have priority for the use of all club dinghies. Leaseholders will be informed via e mail of training dates. Should an event coincide with a training course, Rear Sailing Sec, Chair of Training and/or lead Senior Instructor will seek a resolution.

How to lease a dinghy

The Club will advertise annually (February of each year) the opportunity to lease Club boats. Should a boat not be currently out on lease, a member can register an interest via e mail to the Office.

The completion of the online registration process on the club website is a **must**.

Any member leasing a Club boat must complete and sign the attached Risk Statement, failure to sign invalidates the lease agreement.

Cost to Lease a Club Dinghy

Lease Period	Limited to 3 months		
Laser 1 sail-	£175 *		
Laser 1 sail-	£275 *		
Lease Period	3 months	6 Months	Annual
Topper	£175 *	£300 *	£400 *
RS Feva	£200 *	£400 *	£550 *

*Dinghy Park fees and Insurance are included in fees

Length of lease

The opportunity exists for an eligible Club member to lease a Club Laser for a 3-month duration. A further 3-month lease period will be granted subject to no other requests to lease the boat. An eligible member or their parent or guardian can only lease a Club laser twice in a three-year period.

The opportunity exists for an eligible Club member to lease a Topper or RS Feva for a 3, 6 or 12-month timeframe. An eligible member or their parent/guardian can only lease a Club Topper or RS Feva for a maximum of 12 months.

Signing Out/In

There is no requirement to sign out/in lease agreement dinghies. However, it is the leaseholder's responsibility to inform the office of all missing items or record of damage, defects or problems. For now, drop a note into the letterbox outside the building or e mail training@ballyholme.com.

All Club dinghies have their own individual trolleys and parking space in the dinghy park. Please ensure that you return the dinghy on its own trolley to its appropriate location.

Check your dinghy

BYC will only provide boats fit for use. Users MUST, prior to launching, check the dinghy over for any damage or defects and to ensure that all safety equipment is present and working if applicable. Carefully store the dinghy cover.

Use only the parts belonging to each dinghy. All the sails, masts, covers and trolleys for club dinghies are marked with an identification number specific to each dinghy. Please do not use equipment belonging to another dinghy. This is to ensure that different dinghies are kept in various conditions for racing or beginner training etc. Please ensure that you also put the dinghy back on its own numbered trolley.

Launching & recovery

Dinghies should always be launched and recovered at the slipway (North or South slipway only) where it is safest to do so, taking account of sea and weather conditions and in suitable depths of water to avoid accidental damage to the hull or foils.

Feva crews should always drop the mainsail before approaching the slip when the wind is onshore (ie N, NE, E to SE direction). Ideally, after launching you should ensure the trolley is returned to its designated space and certainly not just abandoned where it could cause any inconvenience to other members. Leaving trolleys in the centre the main slipway during a falling tide must be avoided as this causes inconvenience to other boat users wishing to launch etc. Think of others!

Safety

A personal flotation device must be worn at all times by everyone aboard the dinghy. Other safety equipment such as a handheld radio etc could be useful – especially if taking the boat some distance from the club. Smoking aboard any club boat or dinghy is strictly prohibited.

These guidelines are designed to keep the club boats in the best condition possible, but the hiring of boats is conditional upon the hirer adhering to them. Hirers who do not take care of equipment will be unable to hire dinghies in the future.

Weather and sea state

It is the responsibility of the sailor to check the weather forecast and combined with an appraisal of the conditions on the day to make a decision on whether or not to sail. Launching in any offshore breeze (actual or forecast) is not permitted unless there is adequate, informed support craft.

Damage

All damage must be reported as soon as possible. The first £250 of any repair bill will be met by the person or *parent/ guardian leasing the boat.

BYC Executive Committee reserves the right to rescind any dinghy lease agreement,

*Excludes Social Associates

Boat Equipment Checklist

Boat type:

Sail Number:

Date:

Hull underside and above decks
Deck fittings
Rudder including fittings
Centreboard including elastic
Tiller, extension and universal joint and other fittings
Mast including fittings and rivets
Boom including fittings and rivets
Kicker system
Downhaul system
Outhaul system
Main sheet (jib/spinnaker sheets)
Cover
Launching trolley (inc. wheels)
Main sail (JIB/Spinnaker)

Member: _____

Acting Bosun: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____