

Dinghy Hire Terms and Conditions

Who can hire a dinghy?

Ballyholme Yacht Club (“BYC”) is offering the opportunity to Members* who do not own their own boat to hire Club SailQubes and Pico training boats. If Club Lasers, Fevas or Toppers which are not leased become available, these boats may also be hired. Please follow the following guidelines to ensure that the boats remain serviceable for as long as possible for everyone’s enjoyment.

Why might you want to hire a Club Boat?

The aim is to give members the opportunity to go sailing. It is anticipated Club boats will be hired for occasional pleasure use, members may hire a dinghy as part of BYC’s approved activities/programmes (eg Social Sailing) or through other activities arranged by the Club or Training Committee.

Criteria to hire a dinghy

- Applications only from BYC Members*
- Applicant MUST hold RYA NSS Level 2/YSS Stage 3 or demonstrate an appropriate level of competency to an appointed representative of the Club. Young people sixteen and under must have written permission from a parent or guardian and must be supervised by a suitable competent adult
- Where the boat is to be hired for a club organised training activity, an SI in charge may permit a lower level of sailing achievement where the applicant is under direct supervision/instruction. The applicant’s profile (eg age, ability, size) must be suitable to the boat being requested. Specifically, SailQubes 8-12 years, Pico 8+ years , RS Fevas 8+ years
- Where the boat is to be hired for a club organised training activity, an SI in charge may permit a lower level of sailing achievement where the applicant is under direct supervision/instruction.
- Club Laser Picos are not to be used for Club racing, unless that racing is under the control of a coach.

How to hire a dinghy

Please complete the online registration process on the club website if hiring the boat for a particular event.

Any person hiring a club boat must complete and sign the attached Risk Statement. Failure to sign invalidates the hire agreement.

Cost to Hire a Club Training Boat

Hire Period	½ day (<i>am or pm or evening max 2 ½ hours</i>)	Full day	Annual
Laser Pico	£15	£25	N/A
Topper (if not on lease)	£15	£25	N/A
SailQubes	£10	£20	N/A
RS Feva (if not on lease)	£25	£40	N/A

Signing Out/In

In the absence of a person appointed by the club to sign in/out a boat for hire, all missing items, damage, defects or problems, must be recorded. (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 or Rescue shed. Please ensure that you return the dinghy on its own trolley to its appropriate location. Likewise, all Pico and SailQube sails and masts have an individual storage place in the shed; please ensure that you return everything to where you got it. This makes for easy checking that all equipment is present and accounted for and ensures that everything is where it should be for the next person.

Check your dinghy

BYC will only provide boats fit for use. Should a representative not been available at the time of sign-out and the person hiring intends to go sailing, the hiring party **MUST**, prior to launching, check the dinghy over for any damage or defects and ensure all safety equipment is present and working if applicable. Please store the dinghy cover carefully.

Use only the parts belonging to each dinghy. All sails, masts, covers and trolleys for club dinghies are marked with an identification number specific to each 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 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 together with an appraisal of the conditions on the day, 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 hirer.

BYC Executive reserves the right to rescind any dinghy hire 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: _____