**The following are the conditions of use for the BYC Red Paddle boards:**

* The Ballyholme Yacht Club (BYC) Red Paddle boards with their paddles are available for use by Members only when not subject to a training course.
* BYC has 8 Red Paddle boards, 2 x 9.8’ (rider max weight 90 kg), 4 x 10.6’ (rider max weight 100 kg) and 2 x 10.8 (rider max weight 120 kg)
* The user must be competent & capable of using the paddle board in the prevailing conditions. Guidance would be that you should not embark on the activity in wind conditions above 12 kts. It is important to remember the dangers associated with offshore winds.
* The user must wear suitable attire for the conditions, a buoyancy aid and a leash at all times when afloat. Club portable radios can also be signed out (if available) for use by Members. It is also recommended taking a mobile phone in a waterproof case for use in emergencies.
* We would recommend that there be at least 2 persons out on the water unless there are other paddle boards, kayaks or safety craft with whom the paddler is operating and is in continuous and direct association with whilst on the water.
* The user must be 8 yrs of age or older. A user under the age of 16 yrs must be accompanied by a person who is over 16 yrs. A maximum of two persons under the age of 16 yrs can be supervised at any one time by a person over 16 yrs.
* The paddle boards must be signed out from the Office before use and details of the user recorded.
* The time use is 2 hours at a cost of £10 or 4 hours at a cost £17.50 per paddle board.
* Each paddle board weighs approximately 10 kgs and must be carried by at least 1 adult at all times. The paddle boards should never be dragged across the concrete or other abrasive surfaces. Please check that the board has the correct air pressure as indicated on the titan pumps, which will be located with the boards, before entering the water.
* The paddle boards are to be used only within the BYC Training Area as defined in our SOPs and are not permitted to be taken off site for use elsewhere without express permission in writing from the Sailing or Training Committee. Details of BYC Training Area are on the Club website.

**Sign Out**:

* This is done through the Club Office by the proposed user(s).
* Details will be recorded electronically by the office and on added to the calendar chart maintained by the Club Manager to avoid cross over / double advance conflicting bookings.
* Payment is required at time of booking to the Club Manager.
* Club paddle boards should be signed out during Office hours, however if this is not possible, contact may be made with an Executive Officer to ascertain if they may be in a position to facilitate said hire. This procedure is unlikely to be accepted as a substitute for normal practice.
* The responsibility for the paddle board at all times remains with the Member who booked it out until it’s return.

**Damage / Loss:**

* Any damage or loss of equipment should be reported in writing to the RTC Principal and Rear Commodore Sailing as soon as is practical.
* A levy of £50 may be applied to the person hiring the paddle board by the Club if damage is found to have been caused by negligence.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLUB HAS THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE USE OF THE CLUB PADDLE BOARDS BY ANY PERSON FOUND TO BE ABUSING THEIR USE OR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS OF USE.I**

**IN ADDITION, THE CLUB HAS THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY BOOKING AT ANYTIME WITHOUT REASON**