

Crawley Mariners – Use of Club Boats and Club Boat and Associated Equipment Policy

Rationale

Crawley Mariners has a fleet of dinghies that are used primarily for Saturday Clubs and training purposes. The Committee wishes to encourage more members to participate in Club events using Club boats.

We have decided to continue to make boats available for members to use during organised Club events, including cruises, when these events are included in our Sailing Programme.

New for 2022 is that the Training and Sailing Sub Committee has ear-marked three boats to create a small Loan Fleet, that can be borrowed on a fixed term, exclusive use basis. These are: a Comet with standard and Mino sails; a Laser with Radial and full rig and a Topper with 4.2 and 5.3 (standard) sails. The expectation is that members who have achieved their Stage2/Level 2 competency will wish to gain experience in a Club boat before purchasing their own boat.

Using a Club boat for a single, organised Club event

Initially, make an application via the ‘Club Boat and Associated Equipment Request Form’ stating which boat you would like to use and when. Please give as much notice as possible bearing in mind that arrangements for the use of boats need to reflect certain practical matters, recognising that the Club is run on a voluntary basis. For full details of the Terms and Conditions applying to your use of a Club boat please refer to the Club’s Boat Policy below. There is no charge for using a Club boat for a single, organised Club event.

Borrowing a boat from the Loan Fleet

Make an application on the form stating which of the three boats you would like to use. The period of loan will, initially, be four weeks. The loan period can be extended at the discretion of the Club’s Training Principal, whose decision will take into account demand from other members or the borrower’s wish to complete a Club race series that they started in a borrowed boat.

There is no charge for using one of the three nominated Club boats on a fixed-term, exclusive use basis. However, a booking administration fee of £25 will apply for each booking.

Those borrowing the boats will have custody of all sails and foils for the period of their loan enabling them to sail whenever they wish, subject to Terms and Conditions contained in the Club’s Boat Loan Policy below.

Crawley Mariners Yacht Club - Club Boat and Associated Equipment Policy

General

Members of Crawley Mariners Yacht Club may request the one-off use of a Club boat or associated equipment, such as a sail, at an organised Club event. This includes Club races, Club cruises and events such as NSSA and WSSYSA where the club is coordinating group attendance.

Members may request the use of a boat from the nominated Loan Fleet for their exclusive use over a fixed period of time.

To use a Club boat and/or associated equipment at a Club event or borrow one of the Loan Fleet boats a member must complete the 'Club Boat and Associated Equipment Request Form'.

Permission to use or loan a boat and/or associated equipment is granted by the Club's Training Principal or, in their absence, a nominated deputy. For Saturday Clubs, Junior Helm Week and Training events the Senior Instructor in charge will determine the use of club boats, no request form is required.

Use of Club boats will not be granted if it has an impact on the sailing sessions run by the Club.

Other than equipment associated with the Loan Fleet, that associated with a double hander being used for a Club cruise or boats/equipment being used at CMYC coordinated entries to NSSA, WSSYSA and such events, no equipment may be removed from the Club premises or its usual sailing areas.

Crawley Mariners does not ask for a deposit or loan fee from its members. A booking administration fee of £25 will be applied to each Loan Fleet booking.

A condition of use is that mast-head buoyancy, where provided, is fitted so as to reduce the risks of damage to masts and rigging in the event of capsize.

Members towing Club boats to another location for a CMYC cruise, must ensure that their vehicle insurance covers them for towing, that they have checked the trailer for obvious defects, tied the boat down adequately and have the necessary lighting board and number plate working correctly. They must also ensure that their driving licence permits them to tow.

Eligibility

The minimum standard for eligibility to use Club boats, other than at Saturday Clubs or for training, will be RYA Level 2/Stage 2 certification or an equivalent level of proven experience, and will be at the discretion of the Club's Training Principal.

Responsibility for a Club boat and its use

The responsibility for the use of the borrowed boat lies wholly with the CMYC member signing the agreement.

If a member is involved in an incident, however minor, whilst using a borrowed boat it must be reported to the CMYC Training Principal as soon as possible.

The member borrowing the Club boat must fully check the boat and all associated equipment for damage or wear and tear before it is used. If the borrower is unsure on what checks need to be made then the Club's Training Principal, or nominated deputy, will demonstrate an equipment check.

Boat Insurance

The Crawley Mariners' boats and associated equipment are insured for third party liability when used by a CMYC member and they are in charge of the boat/equipment. A CMYC member must be in charge of the borrowed boat/equipment at all times.

Loan of boats to Members Aged Under Eighteen

Loan agreements can only be made by someone aged eighteen or over. The arrangement for members aged under eighteen wishing to borrow a boat will be made with the member's parent or legal guardian.

Use of a borrowed boat must be supervised by an adult responsible for the care of the member.

The responsible adult must inspect the equipment prior to use to make sure it is fit for purposes. For boats, this includes checking that the boats have been rigged correctly. CMYC is always happy to show supervising adults how to rig boats.

Damage to equipment

If the boat or its associated equipment is damaged it must not be used.

Damage, or equipment loss, must be reported to CMYC Training Principal as soon as is possible.

If a member breaks or loses an item loaned, they will arrange with CMYC Training Principal for it to be repaired or replaced.

If the member is able to fix the damage themselves, they must first report it to the CMYC Training Principal and only undertake repairs with the Principal's agreement.

Every effort will be made to repair any damage in-house with the member causing the damage contributing to the cost to a maximum of £50. In the event of CMYC having to make an insurance claim the member will meet the £50 excess.

The damaged boat or equipment may not be used until the Club Training Principal is satisfied that arrangements for replacement or repair are in place.

A Club boat must be cleaned and returned to its normal place of storage on or before the agreed return date.

Loan Fleet

Members can book one of the nominated Loan Fleet boats for a fixed period.

The fixed period will run for a four-week period. The period can be extended on application to the Club's Training Principal. Only one booking fee will apply if a loan period is extended.

No loan fleet boats may be removed from the Club at any time.

The person making the booking will be given custody of any sails, rudders, dagger boards associated with each boat at the beginning of the fixed period. When not in use this equipment must be removed from the Club by the person making the loan who will be responsible for its safe keeping.

At the end of the fixed period all equipment must be returned to the Club at a time and date agreed with the Training Principal or nominated deputy, no later than the agreed return date, when it will be inspected.