



LYMINGTON TOWN SAILING CLUB

Club Boats - Rules and Regulations

Membership:

- LTSC Club Dinghy Rental is open to all Full LTSC Members.
- Members must be experienced to a minimum of RYA Level 3 Dinghy Sailing and demonstrate their ability to the satisfaction of the Senior Instructor, or appointed person.
- Members must demonstrate their ability to rig each class of dinghy to its minimum sail area.

Session Times:

Morning: 0830 hrs to 1230 hrs Afternoon: 1230 hrs to 1630 hrs Evening: 1630 hrs to 2030 hrs

Fees:

- Sessions cost £15 per boat & paddleboards £10 each.
- Boats are free for Friday Free Sailing, Saturday Sailing and Wednesday morning Get Afloat sessions.

Bookings:

- Use of the boats is strictly by pre-booking only.
- The booking system will be online in the Members Area and controlled by the Club Office.
- Bookings can be made up to a maximum of 4 weeks in advance. Anyone not taking up their booking or cancelling within 24 hours will not be refunded.
- Sessions postponed due to poor weather may be carried over to alternative dates.

Club Dinghy Hire Requirements –

- **Sailing Area** – When the Dinghies are being used outside of organised club events, members must sign the pottering sheet and restrict their sailing area to not south of a line between Baverstock and the RLYC starting box and East and West marks to the East and West of the river. In all cases if the wind direction is between SSW and W, combined with an ebb tide, the boats must stay on the mainland side of the Solent, and not go south of a line defined by the buoys H, F, C B or A.
- **Solent Conditions** – Maximum wind speed - no gust over 20knots at the platform. Club boats must NOT go out if there is a Force 6 (21 knots or more) forecast either average or gusts on the Met Office Inshore Waters Forecast. (Gusts are typically 25% greater than forecasted wind speeds). If strong winds are forecast as 'Later' this is 12 hours or more away, from the time of the forecast, and can be disregarded. Only Imminent (within 6 hours) or Soon (6-12hours) are relevant.
- **Minimum qualifications** – For new or 'untried' members, the hirer must hold at least RYA Dinghy Level 3 and demonstrate their ability to the satisfaction of the Senior Instructor or appointed person.

- For members who have been sailing with LTSC for a while then it will be at the discretion of the office or a Sailing Committee member.
- **Clothing** - All persons using a Club dinghy must be suitable dressed for the conditions and wear a suitable buoyancy aid at all times whilst afloat. Between 1st October and 30th April all persons are also required to wear a wetsuit / dry suit whilst afloat.
- **After use** – Boats must be properly washed off, giving particular attention to the fittings, returned to their dinghy park space and the cover put back on with all the straps done up.
- **Saturday Sailing – Adventure Sailing – Friday Free Sailing.** Club dinghies will be allocated each week and may be used free of any charges when use is by members participating in Saturday Sailing, Sunday Family Sailing, and Friday Free Sailing, with the provision that the organiser tries to get as many different people as possible to use them and gives preference to new members without their own boat.
- **Dinghy Cruises** – Club boats may be used for any dinghy cruise booked for the appropriate number of sessions.
- **Beaching** – Club boats may not be used where the intended use involves removing the boat from the water other than on a properly fitting launching trolley on the Club / LHC slipway.
- **Club dinghies may only be used by Club members and cannot be hired out or used by non-members.**
- **Hirers will be bound by the Club Rules and Lymington Harbour Bye Laws and go afloat at their own risk.**
- The hirer may not hire a Club dinghy for a complete series unless the Rear Commodore Sailing has given written permission.
- The hirer may not sail Club dinghies other than from the Club site without written approval from the Rear Commodore Sailing.
- Any problems found, damage or breakages must be reported to the Office or by using the following link: <https://forms.gle/eHv7fZjzN2u13Dza7>
- All usage must be recorded on the Pottering Log in the changing room corridor and the boats logbook. The hirer must also inspect the boat prior to use and report any damage found immediately. **The last person using the boat will be held responsible for any unreported damage.**
- If it becomes necessary to make a damage claim against the Club Insurance, then the hirer will be responsible for paying any Insurance excess.
- **All hirers, both Helm & Crew, must have completed a Contact & Experience form for the current year and a parental disclaimer for anyone under the age of 18 years.**
- To find out more information about the Club dinghies, contact the LTSC Office during office hours – 01590 674514 or sailing@ltsc.co.uk