



This policy shall apply to all club sailing boats hired by MYC members except those hired by Cadets during organised Cadet sailing when safety boat cover is provided such hire shall be governed by the Cadet Hire of Club Dinghies Policy.

1. Boats

The following boats owned by MYC are available for hire:

- Wayfarer - Club 200
- Wayfarer - Spangle
- Wayfarer - Padmelon
- RS Feva x 2
- Laser 3000 x 2
- Toppers x 6

2. Qualifications and Experience:

MYC club boats are available to hire by MYC members whose name is at the time of hiring recorded in the club register of Approved Dinghy Helms (ADHs) which shall be maintained by the office. To qualify for inclusion in the register of ADHs the member shall meet the following criteria:

- Hold RYA dinghy level three, or
- Hold RYA Youth sailing scheme Start sailing stage four

A member may also be entered into the register of ADHs by one of the following responsible persons who shall prior to entering the member into the register satisfy themselves of the members ability to Rig the dinghy from scratch

- Launch and recover the dinghy with the aid of one other person
- Sail a triangular course, which shall include at least one tack and one gybe, in full control of not less than 10 minutes duration
- Right a capsized dinghy without outside assistance

Responsible persons shall be:

- RYA Training Principal
- Flag Officer
- Wayfarer Class Captain
- Cadet Class Captain – (Cadets only)

3. Periods of availability and restrictions on use

Boats shall be made available during the following periods and with the following restrictions on use:

- During MYC sailing season when club safety boats are in operation
 - At the discretion of the OOD / Flag Officer / Bosun
- During MYC sailing season when club safety boats are not in operation
 - Sustained winds less than 13MPH (force 4) measured at Minster Isle of Sheppey on the [IOSS website](#)
 - Either
 - A minimum of two boats to be on the water sailing in company or
 - Within sight of the club with a continuous watch on the boat afloat by a person organised by those hiring the boat or
 - A single boat carrying a working waterproof VHF handheld radio
- From the End of MYC sailing season to 31 December
 - Sustained winds less than 13MPH (force 4) measured at Minster Isle of Sheppey on the [IOSS website](#)
 - Wetsuit or Dry-suit to be worn; appropriate in design to provide adequate thermal protection for the prevailing water and air temperatures
 - Either
 - A minimum of two boats to be on the water sailing in company or
 - A single boat sailing within sight of the club with a continuous watch on the boat afloat by a person organised by those hiring the boat

Boats shall not generally be available for hire from 1 January until the beginning of MYC sailing season but may be released for hire at the discretion of the Bosun when the restrictions applicable from the end of MYC Sailing Season to 31 Dec shall apply.



4. Equipment

Personal floatation device to be worn by all persons on-board at all times

5. Sailing Area and logging in and out

The sailing area shall be restricted to an area from Rochester Bridge to Stangate Creek or as otherwise directed by the OOD or a Flag Officer or an Officer of the Club

- During club operating hours – the member shall report in and out to the OOD

Outside of club operating hours but when MYC staff are on site – the member shall report in and out to either the office or the Bosun

- Outside of club operating hours when no staff are on site – the member shall prior to launch log their use of a club boat with a responsible adult and shall inform that person of:
 - Their time of departure
 - Names and contact details of all persons on-board
 - Sailing area
 - Expected time of return

Upon return to the club the member shall inform the appointed adult of their return.

If the member fails to return or make contact within 30 minutes of the appointed time the responsible adult shall immediately inform the coast guard (dial 999) and a Flag Officer

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Rear Commodore	Tony Newcombe	07778 053097

6. Losses and Breakages

All losses and breakages shall be recorded in the booking book. Failure to report a loss or breakage will lead to the deletion of the helms name from the Register of ADHs.

MYC will make efforts to repair and replace equipment without a charge to the hiring member but in the event that costs are incurred such costs up to £250 two hundred and fifty pounds shall be charged to the member.

7. Booking and payment

Boats shall be available for hire for the following periods (or part thereof) at the following charges

- Morning (dawn to midday) £10.00 per session
- Afternoon (midday to 17:00) £10.00 per session
- Evening (17:00 to dusk) £10.00 per session
- All day (dawn to dusk) £20.00

Bookings shall be entered in the booking book which shall be located in the club office when open and in the foyer of the club outside of office hours.

Payment shall be via the club office during office hours or to the Club Steward. If the office and bar are not open it is the hirers responsibility to make payment as soon as possible

8. Location

The boats are stored:

- Wayfarers – immediately to the west (upriver side) of the club office
- Other boats - as advised when booking

Equipment will be made available in a locked locker located in the Nissan hut. The hirer shall be given the access code for the locker when booking

9. Safety and Responsibility

The responsibility for a boat's safety and decision to go afloat remains the responsibility of the skipper

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By hiring a MYC club boat, each hirer agrees and acknowledges that:

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They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst sailing;

- a) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, the boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- b) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- c) They have checked the boat prior to going afloat and are satisfied it is in good order and equipped to sail in the prevailing conditions;
- d) The provision of any patrol boats by MYC does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances

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