WKSC - CLUB BOAT HIRING POLICY

The Club has a number of boats that are available for hire to members, subject to availability and commitments for organised training events. The Club is keen to encourage members to make use of this facility to improve their skills and enjoy sailing during club racing or on an informal basis. In order to help with the maintenance of the boats a small charge is made, and there are a few requirements to be followed to ensure that the boats are appropriate for the hirer and are looked after properly.

Hirers are asked to note the following –

1. Boat hire is only available to WKSC members aged 18 or over, or Junior members aged 7 or over where the Parents/Guardians consent form has been signed and the Parent/Guardian remains on site while the hired boat is in use.
2. Hirers including crew must wear personal floatation devices capable of supporting them at all times.
3. Rescue cover does not form part of the hire arrangement and the hirer or Parent/Guardian must take full responsibility for safety at all times.
4. Rigging and de rigging is the sole responsibility of the hirer. Each bota must be returned in the same condition as when collected.

How to hire a Club boat

A list of Club boats and prices can be found on the club website, with a form that can be completed online.

A minimum 48 hours’ notice is required to enable the request to be processed and to check boat availability.

The hirer will be contacted to confirm arrangements and to fix a convenient time for a brief hand-over with a member of the hire team.

Any damage or gear failure during the hire period should be reported by email to [Boathire@WKSC.org.uk](mailto:Boathire@WKSC.org.uk) with a photograph if possible.

The normal hire periods are – half day, day or weekend. Longer periods may be possible by prior arrangement, but will depend on other commitments for training and organised events. Hire boats are welcome to take part in Club racing but any intention to race should be made clear when applying and the Race Officer advised prior to the start of the race.