

Hires Terms and Conditions

Dinghies and Dayboats

- By hiring a craft from us you have agreed to abide by the terms provided and follow the code of practice below.
- In the event of the hirer knowingly contravening these terms or the code of practice, or being negligent in a blatant manner, the hire period will be terminated and the craft confiscated and no refund will be provided.
- A refundable deposit of £200.00 is required to hire any craft. This can be provided with debit card details that will only be charged should the need arise. Any breakages/damages or incurred costs will be paid for in full or our insurance excess whichever is the least.
- The craft/equipment will only be used by you the hirer as detailed on your booking form, and not transferred to another party without the centre's prior consent.
- The centre will carry out all repairs or provide replacements as soon as possible; no refunds will be made for any time lost due to this.
- If the craft is to be stored and used independently of our centre bases, then you are totally responsible for the safety & care of craft, crew and equipment and specifically responsible for ensuring the craft is securely and safely moored/stored when not in use.
- The centre's manager, senior instructors decision on sailing area allowed, suitability to hire or suitability of conditions to allow the hire to take place is final. Please remember any decision made to restrict or even stop sailing is for your safety.

Code of Practice.

Your safety is our primary concern. The following rules are designed for the safety of you, your crew, the craft/equipment and other water users. They are also to help you enjoy your time on the water and reduce the risk of any damage to yourselves or the equipment.

- You will be briefed on the area that you are allowed to sail in and the charts provided clearly show the boundaries. You are required to stay within this area. These limits are set for your safety.
- **Buoyancy aids are provided and must be worn at all times whilst afloat.**
- All craft are supplied with safety equipment relevant to the craft. The centre will familiarise you with their use. Please ensure all equipment is handed back to the centre at the end of your hire period, including charts. Lost charts will be charged for.
- You will operate and conduct the use of the craft in a seaman like manner at all times, being respectful of other water users and the environment.
- In wind speeds of 15 knots and above, poor visibility, unsettled weather or if you are at all uncertain of the conditions, you should not set off. Please confer with the centre if unsure. Do not set out in a strong offshore breeze. **If in doubt-don't go out!** Never sail in conditions beyond your ability.
- Reef in good time, easier to remove a reef if not required than put one in when too windy.
- Before setting out, you must notify a responsible adult, or the centre, and inform them of intended destination and estimated time of return, giving clear instructions to notify the centre if they do not return within one hour of the ETA, or at least two hours before darkness. Please inform this person when you have returned.
- As a general guide when planning a day, aim to return with a favourable wind and tide. Wind and tide predictions or advice, available from centre.
- Each craft has a strict occupant capacity for stability and safety and must not be exceeded under any circumstances.
- Quay's/Jetties are to be used to pick up and drop off only and you must not remain alongside or leave the boat tied alongside. Care must be taken to fend off the craft.
- **Do not obstruct** other craft using quays or harbour areas, specifically **commercial boats**.
- Do not beach any craft. Ensure boat stays afloat whilst loading/unloading. The **centre board will become jammed** by sand if run ashore or left to wash on the beach. A call out fee will be charged to remedy this. If you suspect the boat may have touched the shore, check centre board is free immediately and prior to trying to set sail.
- When anchoring, attention must be paid to the tidal range, and sufficient warp used. The craft must be kept in sight by at least one member of the crew at all times when anchoring.

- In the event of any problems anchor the boat, always ensure anchor line is attached, then try to remedy the situation or request assistance.
- If assistance is required call the sailing centre 01720 422060 In **emergency 999 request "Coastguard"**
- Do not pick up moorings unless you have specific permission from the owner of the mooring. The mooring may not be serviced so unsafe or in use.
- The hirer must return the equipment to its designated base at the time stipulated and agreed with the centre. If craft is being kept away from our base then you must be ashore at least two hours before darkness. If you have a mooring, **the craft must be securely moored with main strop and second line, with the centre board up**. Other craft should be carried or transported by trolley above the high tide mark, **do not drag**, secured and covered. All covers provided must be used please to prevent sun damage etc.
- Please ensure the equipment is left clean and tidy at the end of your hire period.
- Late returns will incur a fee if further hires are compromised or staff are required to wait for you.
- Please inform the centre of any faults or problems as soon as possible and we will arrange repairs or replacements.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above then please do not hesitate to discuss with us.

The following chart extracts are a guide of the areas set for use. The specific area we set for you will depend upon ability, craft and conditions.

