

For new members, buying a boat can be daunting and the Club encourages the use of its boats so alleviating the pressure to purchase a boat immediately. Hiring gives new sailors the opportunity to practice their skills and progress in their sailing, hopefully becoming confident enough to join in club racing.

It is a Club rule that there must be safety boat cover when Club boats are on the water - so opportunities to hire are on normal Sunday racing days and Saturday Activity days.

Sunday hire is available for those who have achieved at least their RYA level 2 (stage 2 for juniors) or are sailing at that level.

On Saturday Activity days boats can be hired by those with RYA level/stage 1

Please see the annual programme for dates.

Boats available for hire – full membership is required

Boat hire for Junior members is absolutely FREE – adult fee below:

Optibat	the plastic and very durable version of the Optimist – single handed dinghy, ideal for junior beginners and considerably more forgiving than the Optimist
Optimist	the fibreglass racing boat that is much more delicate and easily damaged
Topper - £15	single handed dinghy which is suitable for youth and small adult. A great boat to learn to sail and also compete in races
<i>Please note racing Toppers and racing Optimists are available only for taking part in racing or race coaching and for appropriately experienced sailors</i>	
Mirror - £15	two-man classic wooden dinghy with mainsail, jib and spinnaker – suitable for juniors and adults
Comet Trio - £15	double handed dinghy - roomy and stable - used for our adult training courses – can be sailed with spinnaker for appropriately experienced

All sailors must be confident to sail safely in the prevailing weather conditions and have experience in the boat they are sailing. The Officer of the Day on Sunday or the lead person on activity days will have final say if it is felt conditions are not suitable for hire that day.

How to Hire:

Complete the hire book (situated in the club house) before taking a boat out. Appropriate fee must be paid - envelope provided, to be put in the tin in the galley. A signature to authorise the loan will be required from instructor or committee member. If you're not sure – please ask someone – there are almost always instructors and committee members around.

On Sunday, boats must be signed out by 10.00am please.

Please note any defects in the defect book (also in the clubhouse).

Free use of boats for instructor development must be arranged in advance and must be agreed with the Training Principal/Chief Instructor Sailing