

RAFYC Sailing Dinghy Usage and Hire Agreement 2015

1) Scope of use and hire

This document covers the use or hire of Club dinghies by Members for recreational sailing and racing in non-club events e.g. HRSC Foxer races.

Dinghies available for the use or hire are a GP14 and a Foxer.

If a Member uses a Club dinghy for a non-club organised event e.g. Foxer racing, then prior approval is required and a charge will be made for the hire.

If a Member uses a dinghy for a recreational sail, initial approval is required for the first use; no hire charges will be made. A donation to the club to cover wear and tear would be appreciated.

Cadets and Members under the age of 18 are not allowed to hire dinghies for non-club events or activities.

2. Dinghy Use and Hire charges for recreational sailing or non-club events.

Bookings and payment/donations for dinghy use by Members for recreational sailing or for hire to use in non-club events should be made as early as possible and can be accepted, subject to availability, by the Club Office during normal opening hours. On Fridays and weekends by contacting the duty Snr. Bosun between 09:00 to 16:00, or RCS.

Outside these times, booking requests may be made in advance by e-mail or telephone to office@rafyc.co.uk, Tel. 023 8045 2208 or rsc@rafyc.co.uk or once capability available on-line.

The Sailing Committee shall set the terms of use and hire charges for each season. The Office Coordinator shall keep a record of the donations and or charges. Payment must be made at the time of the use or hire booking and payment recorded for non club events. For current charges see Annex A.

The Office Coordinator will maintain a record of all usage and hire bookings. (This record will be made available in the Club for use on Friday evenings and weekends, when the Office is otherwise closed). The record shall include the Member's name, contact details, including an emergency contact number and the dinghy booked or hired, including boat name and sail number, date, period of hire, hire charge and payment confirmation.

3. Use by Cadets and Members under the age of 18

All dinghy use by Cadets or members under 18 is subject to parental or guardian authority signature on the booking form and dinghy use must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult with dinghy sailing experience.

It is the supervising responsible adult, parent or guardian to decide if a safety boat is required; and if so, to provide that safety boat. The club accepts no responsibility for providing safety boat cover.

4. Safety and seaworthiness

The Club, its Officers, delegated Member or employee(s) do not accept responsibility or liability for any accident, how so ever caused, resulting from the use or hire of a Club dinghy. Users or Hirers must be satisfied of their own and their crew's competence to handle the dinghy in use or hired in the conditions prevailing.

Prior to use, users or hirers are encouraged to discuss any possible concerns with the Club's Rear Commodore Sailing, or Snr. Bosun. In the case of bad weather, advice should be sought on the day, but this does not absolve the user or hirer from responsibility for the dinghy, and the people on board.

If due to the weather, the Club decides to cancel the use or hire, the hirer has the option to re-book the dinghy for a later date and, in the case of a recreational sail receive a full refund on any donations made.

Users, Hirers and crews must wear suitable clothing and lifejackets or buoyancy aids at all times, and comply with all Club safety rules. Wet or dry suits alone do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

If the user or hirer is concerned about the seaworthiness of the boat to be used or hired, again prior advice should be sought from Club Rear Commodore Sailing, Snr. Bosun.

The decision to race or participate in a recreational sail or non-Club event is the user or hirer's alone.

5) Care of boats and equipment

Users or Hirers must take good care of the dinghy and return it to its berth in a clean and tidy condition, with the cover properly secured.

Sails (and possibly other loose gear) may be kept in the Club Store or outboard shed. At the time of the booking, users/hirers must make arrangements to collect the sails and gear when they collect the dinghy. Sails and gear must be returned in a clean and tidy condition at the end of use or the hire and stowed away tidily.

Loose gear stowed on board a dinghy (e.g. paddle, bailer, etc) must be properly secured to prevent loss, in the event of a capsize.

6) Loss and damage

Any loss, breakage or damage, including to a third party, must be reported to the Snr. Bosun, RCS or Office Coordinator immediately. Failure to do so will not absolve responsibility and may prejudice future use or hire entitlement. The user or hirer is responsible for all repair costs. If the Club decides to make an insurance claim, the user or hirer must pay any excess charges for which the Club is liable.

7) Areas of use

When Club dinghies are used for a recreational sail or hired for a non-club event their use is restricted to within the Hamble River and not south of a line between Warsash College Pier and Hamble Point Quay and north beyond Bursledon Road Bridge, unless with prior approval by the Rear Commodore Sailing

Annex A

These charges apply for all Club dinghies available for Hire for non-club events

Class	Foxer and GP14
Half day (up to 6 hours)	£10.00
Full Day (24 hours)	£20.00

Tear-off slip for regular dinghy users and hirers

I have read the document "Dinghy Hire Agreement" and agree to its terms and conditions for all use or hirings undertaken by me.

Signed : _____ Date : _____

Print Name: _____ Member No. _____

Parent, Guardian or Responsible Adult for under 18 users.

Signed : _____ Date : _____

Print Name: _____ Member No. _____