



USE OF CLUB BOATS POLICY

Date: June 2021

Policy and Guidance Notes for the Use of Club Boats

Coniston Sailing Club owns:

- 3 RS Qubas
- 2 RS Teras
- 1 RS Feva
- 1 Topper
- 1 Wayfarer
- 1 GP14
- 4 Optimist (Oppies)

The general purpose of the sailing dinghies owned by Coniston Sailing Club is to:

1. Enable more junior members to take part in the junior training days, in a variety of boats to accommodate different ages and abilities
2. Enable adult members to receive sail training.
3. Provide 'try before you buy' sessions for members on an ad hoc basis provided suitably experienced members are available to support.
4. Enable members to sail or race a dinghy in specific circumstances.
5. Run Try Sailing Events and/or Open Days to promote CSC.

Terms of Use – General

The club boats must only be used where authorisation is granted by an authorising member. Use is not designed to be an alternative to members owning their own boats.

All use of the boats should be logged in the "use of club boats file" which is located in the race hut.

The boats should be rigged correctly. If unsure, please ask an instructor or suitably experienced member for help.

The Boats should be kept locked in their allocated dinghy park space on their trolleys when not in use and tied securely to the ground. *Refer to the dinghy park storage map.*

After use, all sails should be taken off the boats, neatly rolled and put into the sail bags and

stored tidily in the club boat store (downstairs in the old club changing rooms). The Oppie sails should be neatly rolled around the spars and stored in the club boat store.

The last person to use the boat on each day should fully de-rig and store the dinghy in the appropriate place, returning the key to the authorising member.

The Wayfarer, GP14, Feva and Qubas, should have their covers put on and should have all fasteners fully secured, and tied down. The Teras and Topper should be stored on the racks, with their trailer and tied down.

Club boat keys should be returned to the authorising person or the key bag in the 'training centre' pigeonhole in the Secretary's store.

Terms of Use – Sailing

The boat should remain in sight of the club house at all times, unless express permission has been given to sail further.

The boat should only be launched and retrieved using the boats launching trolley, unless in an emergency, on club land. Club boats should never be beached or dragged up the beach directly, unless in an emergency.

Club boats should not be used without gaining the approval of the authorised member.

If not fully competent, the person using the boat should be accompanied by a competent member on the boat or by a minimum of 2 competent members in a safety boat.

The boats may be used for racing in specific circumstances e.g. their boat is not at the club for some reason, no space is available at the Club to store a new boat or they wish to try a different boat prior to purchasing.

Approval for racing should be granted by an authorising member, who will make the decision based on the rationale for use.

The RS Teras are part funded by the Eric Twiname Trust and therefore may be raced by club juniors either at Coniston or may be taken to an RYA Tera event at other Sailing Clubs, provided this does not impact on CSC Junior Training. Approval should be granted by an authorising member.

Maximum use of the boat is half a day, unless longer is agreed with the authorising member.

Buoyancy aids must be worn by all using the club boat. If a buoyancy aid is borrowed from the Club, then they should be returned immediately after use.

No fees are payable for the use of the boats, but any damage or breakages caused or found to any part of the boat or sails should be reported to the authorising person and/or the Boat Manager immediately on return.

Maintenance of Club Boats

The primary purpose for the Club Boats is Junior Training and it is critical that all boats are maintained in the condition required to meet the RYA Training Centre criteria.

A member will be appointed as Boat Manager with responsibility for ensuring that this condition is maintained, and the boats are fit for purpose prior to all scheduled training days. He/She will be expected to confirm to the RYA Training Principal that all are ready for training days.

The Boat Manager will be responsible for purchasing and maintaining a supply of equipment to ensure that missing or broken items can be replaced quickly.

He/she should liaise with the Sailing Manager to agree purchase and claim expenses.

Members who can authorise use of Club Boats

Boats may only be used with the approval of an authorised individual – see General Terms of Use.

Any one of the following members may authorise the use of the any of the Club dinghies as included in this policy.

They will make their decision based upon the terms of the policy and the weather conditions at the time. Their decision will be final, and they will have the full backing of the Management Committee for any decisions that they make.

Management Committee:

RYA TC Principal	Valerie Beacock
Commodore	Mike Curtin
Sailing Manager	John Sharpe
Membership Secretary	Judy Leese

Other members authorised to approve use of club boats:

Gareth Beacock
John Bridgeman
Keith Coxon
Tim Entwistle
Simon Colvin

This list is correct as at June 2021 and may be amended from time to time as agreed by the Management Committee.

Date Reviewed:**Sign and date each time this Policy is reviewed**

Date	01/03/2021				
Signed	M.S.				
Date	June 2021	Review of use by members. Additional clarity added to policy and inclusion of Boat Manager. Approved by Committee June 2021			
Signed	JEL				