



# Crawley Mariners Yacht Club



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### Introduction

Crawley Mariners has a fleet of dinghies that members may use to build their skills and to try different classes of dinghies prior to buying their own dinghy. You do not need to request a club boat for training sessions.

Club dinghies that are not used for training, may be hired on an 'exclusive use' basis. Dinghies that are used for training can be borrowed for 'single use' at organised club events.

The expectation is that members who have achieved their Stage2/Level 2 competency will wish to gain experience in a Club boat before purchasing their own boat.

### General Terms

Members of Crawley Mariners Yacht Club may request the one-off use of a Club boat or associated equipment, such as a sail, at an organised Club event. This includes Club races and Club cruises. Events such as NSSA and WSSYSA, where the club is coordinating group attendance, have a nominated person coordinating and monitoring club boats.

Members may request the use of a boat from the nominated Hire Fleet for their exclusive use over a fixed period of time.

To use a Club boat and/or associated equipment at a Club event or hire one of the Hire Fleet boats a member must complete the 'Club Boat and Associated Equipment Request Form'.

Permission to use or hire a boat and/or associated equipment is granted by the Club's Dinghy Bosun or, in their absence, a nominated deputy. For Saturday Clubs, Junior Helm Week and Training events the Senior Instructor in charge will determine the use of club boats, no request form is required.

Use of Club boats will not be granted if it has an adverse impact on the sailing sessions run by the Club.

### Use other than at Hedgecourt Lake

Boats and equipment may not be removed from the Club premises or its usual sailing areas except when being used for one of the Club's cruises or at CMYC coordinated entries to NSSA, WSSYSA and such events, with the following exception: A club boat may be borrowed for an external event such as a class specific Open Meeting provided that this does not adversely impact club events and the Training Principal believes that the loanee has adequate experience to handle the boat in such an event. In the case of an Open Meeting this will mean that in addition to RYA Level 2 the loanee must have raced to a reasonable standard.



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A condition of use is that mast-head buoyancy, where provided, is fitted so as to reduce the risks of damage to masts, sails and rigging in the event of capsizing.

Members towing Club boats to another location for a CMYC cruise, must ensure that their vehicle insurance covers them for towing, that they have checked the trailer for obvious defects, tied the boat down adequately and have the necessary lighting board and number plate working correctly. They must also ensure that their driving licence permits them to tow. Where the Boat is taken (towed) away from the Hedgecourt Lake it will be the members responsibility to ensure all legal aspects for road use and towing are complied with and the Boat is kept secure until it is returned safely.

### Eligibility

The minimum standard for eligibility to use Club boats, other than at Saturday Clubs or for training, will be RYA Level 2/Stage 2 certification or an equivalent level of proven experience, and will be at the discretion of the Club's Training Principal. An exception to this is the racing Optimist, as loanees are unlikely to have had the opportunity to achieve Stage 2. In this instance the Training Principal will make a decision based on recommendations from those running Oppie training sessions.

### Responsibility for a Club boat and its use

The responsibility for the use of the borrowed boat lies wholly with the CMYC member, named as the borrower on the request form.

If a member is involved in an incident, however minor, whilst using a borrowed boat it must be reported to the CMYC Dinghy Bosun ([dinghybosun@cmyc.co.uk](mailto:dinghybosun@cmyc.co.uk)) as soon as possible.

The member borrowing the Club boat must fully check the boat and all associated equipment for damage or wear and tear before it is used. If the borrower is unsure on what checks need to be made then the Club's Dinghy Bosun, or nominated deputy, will demonstrate an equipment check.

### Boat Insurance

The Crawley Mariners' boats and associated equipment are insured for third party liability when used by a CMYC member and they are in charge of the boat/equipment. A CMYC member must be in charge of the borrowed/hired boat/equipment at all times.

### Loan of boats to Members Aged Under Eighteen

Loan agreements can only be made by someone aged eighteen or over. The arrangement for members aged under eighteen wishing to borrow a boat will be made with the member's parent or legal guardian.

Use of a borrowed boat must be supervised by an adult responsible for the care of the member.

The responsible adult must inspect the equipment prior to use to make sure it is fit for purposes. For boats, this includes checking that the boats have been rigged correctly. CMYC is always happy to show supervising adults how to rig boats.

### Damage to equipment

If the boat or its associated equipment is damaged it must not be used.

Damage, or equipment loss, must be reported to CMYC Dinghy Bosun as soon as possible.



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If a member breaks or loses an item loaned, they will arrange with the CMYC Dinghy Bosun for it to be repaired or replaced.

If the member is able to fix the damage themselves, they must first report it to the CMYC Dinghy Bosun and only undertake repairs with the Dinghy Bosun's agreement.

Every effort will be made to repair any damage in-house with the member causing the damage contributing to the cost to a maximum of £50. In the event of CMYC having to make an insurance claim the member will meet the £50 excess.

The damaged boat or equipment may not be used until the Club Dinghy Bosun is satisfied that arrangements for replacement or repair are in place.

A Club boat must be cleaned and returned to its normal place of storage on or before the agreed return date.

### Exclusive Use Hire Fleet

Members can book one of the nominated Hire Fleet boats for a fixed period.

The initial fixed period will run for one or two months, the period can be extended on application to the Club's Dinghy Bosun. The Loan cost for the initial period or extended periods will be £25 per month.

No Hire Fleet boats may be removed from the Club at any time.

The person making the booking will be given custody of any sails, rudders, dagger boards associated with each boat at the beginning of the fixed period. When not in use this equipment must be removed from the Club by the person hiring the boat, who will be responsible for its safe keeping.

At the end of the fixed period all equipment must be returned to the Club at a time and date agreed with the Dinghy Bosun or nominated deputy, no later than the agreed return date, when it will be inspected.

### Single Use Loan Details

Club dinghies may be borrowed for use at club organised events, this could be for a one-day series, any club race or an event such as NSSA or WSSYSA. Initially, make an application via the '[Club Boat and Associated Equipment Request Form](#)' stating which boat you would like to use and when. Please give as much notice as possible bearing in mind that arrangements for the use of boats need to reflect certain practical matters, recognising that the Club is run on a voluntary basis. For full details of the Terms and Conditions applying to your use of a Club boat please refer to the Club's Boat Policy below. There is no charge for using a Club boat for a single, organised Club event.

Dinghies available for single use loan are (refer to the club website for specific details):

Optibat or Sailcube

Optimist

Topper

RS Feva

Pico

Laser 4.7 / ILCA 4, Laser Radial / ILCA 6, Laser / ILCA 7

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Comet with Mino or Standard sail

Bobin - suitable for a single adult or adult and child, can be rowed

Enterprise

Miracle

Laser 2000

RS Quest

Wanderer

### Exclusive Use Hire Details

Make an application on the form stating which of the boats you would like to use. The period of hire will, initially, be one or two months at a cost of £25 or £50 respectively. The hire period can be extended for an additional £25 per month at the discretion of the Dinghy Bosun, whose decision will take into account demand from other members or the borrower's wish to complete a Club race series that they started in a hired boat.

There are two Toppers available for annual hire at the cost of £100.

Those hiring the boats will have custody of all sails and foils for the hire period, enabling them to sail whenever they wish, subject to Terms and Conditions contained in the Club's Boat Loan Policy below.

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Optimist (for racing)

Topper

Comet

ILCA/Laser

Miracle

Enterprise

### CMYC coordinated groups at external events such as NSSA & WSSYSA

The CMYC organiser must appoint one person to monitor loaned club equipment. The equipment monitor shall prepare a list of all equipment (boats with hull numbers, sails with number, type and variant, masthead buoyancy, trailers, trolleys, boxes of spares and individual items such as self bailers. The list shall be approved by the Training Principal. After the event the equipment monitor shall be responsible for checking that all equipment is returned to its original location in the containers or loft and in the same state, e.g. Topper sails should be on masts, if that was how they were before the event. All equipment must be returned prior to the first training session following the event.