

Following the Marine Committee meeting on 17-5-2011 the policy below has now been approved and is released for use by the membership.

The Policy

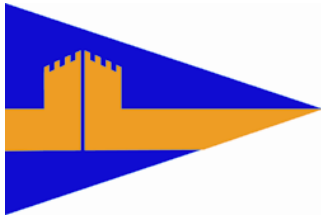
The Club Dinghy Use Policy is divided into two parts, with Part 1 relating to the general use of the Club Dinghies and Part 2 relating to specific use outside of Club activities (as set out in the published Fixtures List).

Part 1 – General Conditions of Use

- 1) Members taking part in Club training courses are exempt from the restrictions and requirements set out in this Policy.
- 2) When using Club Dinghies, members shall accept responsibility for their and their crew's (if applicable) safety. In addition, members shall ensure the Club Dinghy they wish to use is in a satisfactory condition for use prior to launching (see Condition 6 below).
- 3) The Club Dinghies are not to be used when the wind speed is greater than F4 (15 knots). This will be determined in reference to Chimet.
- 4) When using the Visions, masthead floats must always be used.
- 5) Use of the Club Dinghies is prioritised for training events. As such the Dinghies will be block-booked for a short period (up to two days but determined as and when by the Training Secretary) prior to and including when training is scheduled.
- 6) All the Club Dinghies **MUST BE BOOKED** using the online booking system at PortchesterSC.com. A PC is always available in the Club foyer for this use. It is also required that all users of the Club Dinghies undertake a pre-use inspection of the dinghy and report any damage on the club forum under "Club boats and equipment issues" prior to each use.
- 7) If damage occurs during use this must again be reported on the forum.
- 8) Any person failing to comply with Conditions 6 and 7 above will be charged for damages incurred.

Part 2 – For use outside of Club Activities

- 9) Conditions 2 to 8 above apply.
- 10) Club Members can use any of the Club Dinghies with the exception of the Visions outside of Club activities.
- 11) Only Approved members can use the Visions outside of Club activities.
- 12) The Sailing and Training Secretaries and a Flag Officer (the Approval Panel) shall be responsible for approving the users on the Approved List.



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The approval list will be held and maintained by the Club Boats Officer.

- 13) The current approval list will be available in the download section on PortchesterSC.com. Members who are new or unknown to the Approval Panel will be placed on a Provisional List but use of the Visions by these members will be restricted to Club activities. Once their ability has been determined, they may be moved to the Approved List.
- 14) If an insurance claim is necessary to rectify any damages resulting from use of the Club Dinghies outside of Club activities, the first £50 of insurance excess will be charged to the user responsible.

Notes: Unless otherwise stated, Club Dinghies include Toppers, Tera and Visions. Until further notice, the Fevas are excluded from this Policy. Changes to the above Policy may be made at any time during the season, as deemed necessary by the Approval Panel. Removal from the Approved List will be at the discretion of the Approval Panel and may result from failure to observe one or more of the above conditions or improper use of Club Dinghies. The Approved List is maintained by the Approval Panel and can be viewed upon request.

End.

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