



Use of Metered Club Mains Cables Policy

Metered cables are available for hire from the Bosun on demand. There is a hire charge, which covers the use of the cable for one layup season, and a refundable deposit will also be collected. The cables are intended for use by members who wish to have ac mains supplied continuously to their boats for the purposes of running a de-humidifier or low-level heating of the tubular “greenhouse” type to protect engine cooling systems in cold weather. If any other cable is used, power may only be used while the owner is in attendance.

These Club cables are serial numbered and will be PAT tested each year before being issued. They are fitted with a standard 13 Amp plug (fused at 13 Amp) at one end for connection to a Club distribution Board. The other end is fitted with a blue IP44 socket (IEC 60309-2 standard) for connection to the boat’s ac mains input socket. Neither connector should be interfered with in any way. An in-line meter unit is fitted about 1m from the mains plug and, when the cable is installed, it should be dressed so as to avoid the risk of damage to the meter.

At the commencement of the hire, the Bosun will record the meter reading on a log sheet which is to be signed by him and the hirer. The Bosun will retain the log sheet and, on the return of the cable at the end of the winter lay up, will record the current meter reading. This record will again be signed by both the Bosun and the Hirer.

When the cable is issued, the Bosun will collect the hire charge of £50.00 (inc. VAT) and a deposit of £50.00. The deposit will be returned, subject to the cable being handed back in good serviceable condition, less the cost of the electrical units consumed. These will be charged at 13p per unit. If the cost of electricity consumed is greater than the deposit, the difference will be payable to the Club.

Hirers are cautioned that only heaters and de-humidifiers intended for long term unattended use should be connected and that most de-humidifiers do require periodic inspection for their safe operation, as specified by the manufacturer.

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