

# CLUB BOAT REGULATIONS

- 1 Members using a Club Boat shall be conversant with these Regulations, and shall be deemed to be so, and shall be bound thereby.
- 2 The scale of charges for the use of the Club Boats will be as prescribed by the Committee from time to time.
- 3 The arrangements for the booking of Club Boats will be as prescribed by the Committee from time to time.
- 4 The Committee may prescribe periods during which the use of the Club Boats will be reserved for the organised training of Cadets and/or other events.
- 5 Every helmsman shall hold a certificate of proficiency issued by the Committee. It is the responsibility of the helmsman to ensure that the boat is adequately crewed for the conditions prevailing and for the purpose for which the boat is to be used.

Authorised helmsmen who wish to use the Club's International Etchells Class yachts will in addition require to be vetted by the Committee.

Members requesting permission to helm a Club Boat will require to pass a helmsmanship test equivalent to RYA Level 3 in wind conditions no greater than force 4, or, at the Committee's discretion, provided equivalent evidence of competence.

A list of Members authorised to helm Pipers, and of Members approved in addition to helm Etchells, is maintained in the Club Boat Book.

- 6 Every person using a Club Boat shall provide himself/herself with an efficient life-jacket; and in the case of a Cadet, this shall be worn at all times.
- 7 There shall be entered in the Club Boat Book before boarding the names of all the crew together with the intended destination and approximate time of return.
- 8 Except at the discretion of the Committee not fewer than two nor more than four persons will be on board any boat at any time.
- 9 No boat shall be taken from its mooring without the permission of an Officer of the Club, Club Boat and/or Cadet Convenor, or the Club Boatman. Their decision will be final.
- 10 Each Member using a Club Boat will ascertain that all necessary gear (as listed in the Club Boat Book) is on board and that the boat and its gear are in a sound and seaworthy condition. Any deficiencies must be noted in the Club Boat Book. Users are expected to carry out minor repairs on the spot and to leave the boat in a seaworthy condition.
- 11 No alterations to ballast, rigging, sails or gear shall be made without the permission of the Club Boat Convenor or Caretaker.
- 12 Any accident, whether or not causing damage to a Club Boat or a third party, shall be entered in the Club Boat Book immediately on landing.
- 13 Any Member who in the opinion of the Committee causes damage to, or loss of, a boat or its gear through failure to take reasonable care may be asked to contribute such sum as the Committee may determine towards the cost of making good the damage or loss.
- 14 To comply with the terms of the Insurance Policy no Club Boat may be taken outwith the limits of a line from Skipness Point (Argyll) to Lochranza (Arran) and a line from Brodick (Arran) to Ardrossan (Ayrshire).
- 15 Every person using a Club Boat shall do so at his/her own risk, and the Club shall not be liable to any such person by reason of unseaworthiness of any boat or any defects in or inadequacy of its gear, or for any other reason.
- 16 Club Boats shall be returned to their moorings prior to the Boatman's finishing time. Overnight or extended absence is not permitted other than with the prior agreement of the Committee.

## CLUB BOAT DEFECTS

The Club Boats have many users and it is essential that those responsible for their maintenance be informed of defects so that safety and high standards can be maintained. Defects found on any Club Boat must be recorded by the Helmsman in the Club Boat Book when signing off the boat after use, and where the defect is of a serious nature preventing safe use of the boat, the Helmsman should in addition advise the Boatman and as soon as possible thereafter the Convenor. Helmsmen are expected however to make good any minor defects within their competence before signing off.