

CLUB BOATS

The Pipers present Members with a great opportunity for day sailing at minimum cost. It is a strong and safe design of boat, and the Club boats are maintained to a high standard to ensure both safety and competitive racing.

Six Piper Class and one International Etchells will be in the water at the end of April. They are available for use, both racing and cruising, by Members and Cadets who have passed the appropriate tests, and on payment of a session charge, or a season charge as appropriate.

Racing sails are kept up to date and replaced on a regular basis e.g. mainsails 2007, spinnakers 2004, and genoas 2003.

Cruising/training sails are inspected annually and repaired or replaced with ex racing sails.

The International Etchells is a One Design racing yacht that should appeal to the more experienced or adventurous helmsman for sailing or racing. The Club's Etchells is available for Tuesday and Wednesday evening 'Handicap' racing. However only helmspersons authorised in accordance with Rule 5 of the Club Boat Regulations are permitted to helm a Club Etchells.

All of the Club boats give Members the opportunity to participate in One Design racing. An individual boat may be booked for a particular race, or at the discretion of the Committee, for all races in a series, whether organised by the Club or by any other Clyde club. The Piper Class has many trophies awarded for individual races or series of races and the Club too has a number of trophies that are awarded for the best Club Boat performance in some of these races.

For general care and maintenance it is requested that Members using Club Boats observe the following:

- 1 No sails shall be left on board a Club Boat. Sails shall be returned to the designated sail locker at the end of each session.
- 2 Each sail shall be folded or rolled in the correct manner and put into its clearly marked bag.
- 3 Racing sails shall be used only for competitive sailing events.
- 4 Boats to be left in a tidy and seamanlike manner with all gear stowed away and the bilges dry.
- 5 Defects arising to be recorded in the Club Boat Book when the boat is signed off at the end of a session.
- 6 The boats are checked weekly for damage and missing equipment. To avoid comeback helmspersons should ensure that these requirements are followed.

For more information about the boats and their use, please contact the Convener or the Honorary Secretary.

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

- 1 Booking may be made during office hours by entry in the Club Boat Book kept by the Administrative Assistant.
- 2 Bookings may be made for any period between the hours of 10.00 and 21.30 (or sunset when earlier), except as provided in (3) below.
- 3 Bookings may not be made for any periods during which the Club Boats are reserved by the Committee for the organised training of Cadets.
These periods are: a) Thursdays from 18.30, and
b) such other periods (generally Friday evenings) as the Committee may decide.
- 4 Bookings will lapse half an hour after the start of period booked.
- 5 Bookings may not be made more than seven days in advance, except as provided in (6) and (7) below.
- 6 Bookings for participation in mid-week racing, weekend Regattas, and other races approved by the Committee will be given priority. At the discretion of the Committee bookings may be made for all races in a recognised series provided the boat is raced regularly and application is made for the booking in writing.
- 7 Bookings for overnight use of a Club Boat require to be approved by the Committee. Applications for such use should be made in writing not less than 14 days in advance and should state (a) Helmsman, (b) Crew, and (c) destination/purpose.
- 8 Pre-bookings will be checked regularly to ensure that these are being fulfilled.
- 9 Cancellation of a pre-booking must be made in good time either by personal deletion from the Club Boat Book or by telephoning the Administration Assistant or the Boatman.
- 10 The Boat must be returned to its mooring promptly at the end of the booked period so as to be immediately available for subsequent bookings.
- 11 Details of any accident, whether or not causing damage to a Club Boat or a third party, must be entered in the Club Boat Book immediately on landing.

SCALE OF CHARGES

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| 1 Season Charge (Helmsman) entitling Member to use of a Club Boat throughout season..... | £150.00 |
| 2 Session Charge (Helmsman) entitling Member to use of a Club Boat on any one day | £10.00 |

In any season where the total of the Session Charges paid by a Member equals the Season Charge no further payment will be accrued. Payment shall be made to the Administrative Assistant or the Boatman before boarding.