

Operation of the Boat Borrowing Scheme

Purpose

The purpose of the BBS is to help those new to sailing to bridge the gap from early learners to competent, confident active sailors and members of DSC. Membership of the BBS will enable you to book (up to 4 weeks in advance) and use a club boat through the online booking system.

Eligibility

in the first 3 years of DSC membership.

To be eligible for the BBS in the first 3 years of DSC membership you will have completed either an RYA level 2 course within the previous year or an RYA level 1 course and been added to the scheme after a practical assessment by an Instructor. You will be approved for boats suitable to your skill/experience level and briefed on the location of your boats equipment and how to rig and put it away.

Cost

A fee will be involved to assist in the costs of maintenance of the boats on the scheme. The cost will be £40 per quarter.

Process

1. Contact any Club RYA Instructor to request an assessment.
2. Following assessment, the instructor will: -
 - a. Introduce you to the online system.
 - b. Provide you with a "log in" to the scheme.
 - c. Provide you with the "category" of boats for which you are approved.
3. You can then log into the scheme as a user and all available boats will be displayed. Those displayed in black will be available to you.
4. Before you can book a boat you will need to top up your credit using either Paypal, a credit card or a debit card by clicking on the "*Add some more time to your subscription*" link.
5. Then simply click on the New Booking tab and select the date and boat you wish to borrow.
6. You can delete and add further bookings as you wish. The system will inform you if you exceed any limitation or your request cannot be fulfilled for logistical reasons.

Happy Sailing

Other important information

- 1 Once booked you will be able to take out the boat for the booked day during the period when a manned safety boat is provided.
- 2 When you have gained confidence and increased your skills through use of the BBS or through other sailing activities there is the option of asking an Instructor to allocate you other boat types.

3 Maintenance and boat damage - The successful operation of the BBS depends on the boats being maintained in good condition. It is therefore imperative that you report any breakages, damage or wear to the boat you have used so that appropriate maintenance can be carried out. The club understands that damage can occur when you are new to sailing and that boat fittings and parts do wear, so there is no issue when damage is reported. If on the other hand you fail to report problems of this type this is of concern. We cannot operate the BBS unless you provide this very important feedback and report. A failure to provide feedback on damage could reluctantly result in you being removed from the BBS.

Damage/breakages or wear are reported through the email feedback system instigated after each time a boat is borrowed. You can however also report problems either by email to the Bosun (sail) Ray Green green.ray@btinternet.com or by text to 07403322340.

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