



# Sligo Yacht Club

## Hiring Club Dinghies

Sligo Yacht Club has a variety of dinghies and a keel boat available for hire to club members, these include Optimists, Picos, a Topper, GP14s and a J24.

To be entitled to hire a club boat, the member must have demonstrated their competence.

### Hire costs are as follows:

€10 per session - Optimist

€10 per session - Topper

€10 per session - Pico

€15 per session - Mirror

€20 per session - GP14

€50 per session - J24

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Boats need to be booked in advance but reservation is not a guarantee.

Hire of club boats is at the discretion of the Club Hire Officer or event organiser and will be based on experience of helm and crew and conditions of the day and the SYC Safe Sailing Policy.

Dinghies may only be sailed during club sailing times when there is rescue on the water. Members must adhere to the safe sailing policy. Please ensure you turn up at the very least an hour before the start of sailing to ensure you get the boat you want and have time to rig and launch it. Fees are payable in advance to Jon Evans.

Members hiring boats are expected to know how to rig and put away boats correctly. Dinghies must be tied down securely with hatch covers and self bailers opened. There should be no water left inside the inside buoyancy tanks. The J24 must be left back on its mooring and left as specified by the class captain.



Damage to boats must be reported to the class captain or hire officer and a note made in the 'Rental Boats' Log Book (situated in the boat house on shelf – along with RIB Log book).

Members may be charged for damage to boats dependant on the circumstances and particularly if they have failed to report the damage.

Club boats have been funded from the Club funds and goodwill of members and we do expect them to be treated accordingly. Monies collected from rental of the club boats will be ring fenced and used for maintenance and repair of club boats.

### **Points to Note**

- Only fully paid up members of the club will be allowed to hire boats. This is a condition of our insurance policy.
- The person who rented the boat is responsible for the boat, regardless of who was in it at the time of the accident. Therefore once you have paid to rent a club boat, it should not be given to anyone else.
- The Club reserves the right to immediately terminate the agreement if negligent operation or late return occurs. All fees paid to that point will be forfeited as liquidated damages. Members who cause repeated avoidable damage may be suspended from our rental scheme.
- Mirrors are not available for hire for the period that the Junior Sailing Course is running.
- Always listen to the instructions of the Instructor or Coach, and pay attention to warnings about hazards such as rocks, permanent marks, lobster pots and swell.
- When racing, be fully alert at all times and do all you can to avoid collisions.
- Do not take a club boat out without official permission from the hire officer. Boats are designed to be sailed, do not use them as playgrounds.
- Juniors will only be allowed to hire boats with the express permission of their parents.