

Introduction

Background

The Club was formed in 1958 since when it has developed a large Clubhouse and other facilities. The Clubhouse includes changing rooms, a kitchen where light refreshments, sweets, etc are available at moderate prices, a spacious observation lounge and a canteen where members are welcome to prepare their own food. The Club also has a distinctive tower (the remains of the old Emley Moor television mast!) for the control of sailing, and extensive boat and car parking areas.

Membership is open to both experienced sailors and those who wish to take up the sport for the first time. Children are most welcome. Sailing activities normally take place in season between March and November. In addition, a variety of social events are held throughout the year.

Types of Dinghy

There are enthusiastic Mirror, Heron, Topper, and Laser fleets. Other classes of dinghy including Laser 2s and Enterprises are also sailed subject to the approval of the committee.

If in any doubt as to the class of boat which would suit your requirements, please make enquiries at the Club where the Officers and members will be happy to advise or assist in any way. Remember you don't have to own a boat to be a member.

Training

The Club hosts 'Introduction to Sailing' days for newcomers, in early summer each year. There are also other follow up sessions for members during the early summer. All training is organized with guidance from fully qualified Royal Yachting Association (RYA) instructors. The Club owns Toppers, Optimists, and a Heron dinghy which are available for hire at reasonable rates.

Racing

Organized racing takes place on Saturday and Sunday afternoons during the season between mid-March and the end of November. There are also races on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings between April and early September. Full details are published annually in a Sailing Programme which is issued to all members.

Cruising

For those who own their own boat 'free sailing' may take place at any time during permitted sailing hours. (See section 2 Sailing Arrangements)

Membership

Anyone interested in sailing or wishing to find out more about the sport is assured of a warm welcome at the Club. Membership forms are available at the Club or any member will advise.

Boat Ownership

Permission of the Sailing Secretary must be sought to bring a boat to the Club. On being granted approval and before a boat is brought onto Club premises the member is required to ensure that the appropriate registration fee has been paid and that the required insurance cover has been obtained.

Full, Junior and Student members may only have **one** additional boat at the Club. Family members may have more additional boats.

A junior member of the club who has a boat, must have an adult relative or other nominated person as a member of the Club, who will be held responsible to the Club for maintaining the boat in a safe condition at all times, and to ensure that the required insurance policy is valid.

Child Protection

The safety of junior members is extremely important and it is the policy of the club that a parent or guardian **MUST** be on site at all times that a junior member is at the club. There are **NO** exceptions to this rule.

Sailing Arrangements

The sailing arrangements shall be in accordance with the Club Rules which are on display at the Clubhouse, and copies are available from the General Secretary.

The main points are covered below : -

1. Safety & Limitation of Liability

Members shall give all possible help to any person or boat in danger.

- 1.1 The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his yacht for the race or races.
- 1.2 (i) A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
(ii) It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
(iii) The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3m.
(iv) Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officers, patrol boats and beachmasters.
(v) The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

NB: It is not the custom of the Club to provide escort or patrol craft.

2. Sailing Hours

- (a) Sailing is permitted in season during the following periods:

Sunday:	Noon until 7:00pm	(from 11:00am if no anglers are present)
Monday:	No sailing	(except Bank Holidays)
Tuesday:	Dawn until Dusk	Wednesday: Noon until Dusk
Thursday:	Dawn until Dusk	Friday: Dawn until Dusk
Saturday:	Dawn until 7:00pm	
- (b) Sailing may not take place outside of these periods as use of the water is reserved for members of Huddersfield Angling Club during the fishing season.
- (c) Members must at all times give consideration to anglers and try to avoid undue interference with their sport.

3. Buoyancy and Insurance

- (a) All persons whilst on the water shall wear adequate personal buoyancy, whether or not the dinghy is under sail. Wet or Dry-suits alone will not be accepted as being adequate. If the buoyancy aid is of the inflatable type it must be kept fully inflated.
- (b) A boat shall not be sailed on Boshaw Whams until it has passed an annual buoyancy test or inspection in accordance with Club Rules.
- (c) A boat shall not be brought onto Club premises unless it carries a minimum third party insurance cover of £3,000,000 in accordance with Club Rules.

4. Racing

- (a) All races organized by the Club shall be subject to the racing rules of the ISAF.
- (b) Races are normally planned prior to the start of a season and details are published in a Sailing Programme issued to all members and also displayed in the Clubhouse.
- (c) Races shall be conducted by a nominated Race Officer (RO), as shown in the current Sailing Programme. This appointed Race Officer shall be responsible for providing a suitable substitute in his or her absence.
- (d) Duties and responsibilities of the Race Officer are laid down in a guide which is provided by the Sailing Secretary and kept in the Race Control Tower.
- (e) Only the Race Officers or Officers of the Club are allowed in the Race Control Tower between the 10 minute signal and the finish of a race.
- (f) **The Club considers that the Race Control Tower is unsuitable for young children.**

5. Cruising

Cruising ('free-sailing') may take place within any of the permitted hours, except during open meetings and special events (see Sailing Programme). When racing is in progress, helms wishing to cruise should inform the Race Officer of their intentions and must keep clear of other boats participating in a race.

Sailing outside the hours of the Sailing Programme is still subject to Club Rules, and it is recommended that a competent person be on the shore at all times. The Club cannot accept any responsibility for safety.

6. Winter Sailing

Sailing during the closed season is subject to special arrangements only. For further information see the Club Rules, or contact the Sailing Secretary.

The Club Boats (For hire by Members only)

The Club owns Toppers, Optimists a Wensom and Heron dinghy. These are all available for members to hire at very reasonable rates. The Heron and Wensom are ideal boats for adult beginners or adults with children. The Toppers are well suited to teenagers and small adults, while the Optimists are suitable for children aged 8 to 15 (experienced adult supervision is required at all times).

Rules of Hire

1. Use is restricted to Club members only.
2. In the interests of safety, use of club boats by new members is limited to scheduled racing hours only - normally Saturday and Sunday afternoons throughout the season and Wednesday evenings during June, July, and August. Advice and assistance will normally be available at these times, although cannot be guaranteed unless prior arrangements are made with the Training Co-coordinator. However use may be restricted or declined at the discretion of Club Officers
3. The hirer is responsible for securing the boat on its berth after use and for ensuring that sails and other loose equipment are properly stowed away.
A booking not taken up 15 minutes after the stated time will be considered invalid and the boat may be re-hired.
In the event of reckless or grossly negligent use of a boat, the General Committee reserve the right to charge the hirer with any excess arising from any resulting insurance claim.

Boat Hire Procedure

The use of any Club boat must be entered into the diary on the kitchen counter before it is prepared for sailing. A list of the hire charges is available near the galley counter.

Payment for the use of any of the boats should be placed in one of the envelopes provided on the kitchen counter. Details of the hirer and date of hire must be recorded on the envelope and then posted through the slot in the counter.

Boats may be pre-booked in the diary at any time.

The boats are all kept locked to their berths and their equipment is stored in various places. When you wish to use a Club boat for the first time please do not hesitate to make arrangements with any of the Club Officers to show you where everything is kept. Everything must be returned and secured to its rightful place after use.

General Arrangements

1. Car Parking

Car parking at the Club is entirely at the owner's risk. The Club cannot accept any responsibility for vehicles parked on Club property.

2. Security

The security of the Club is every member's responsibility. The last person to leave the premises shall ensure that all external doors are locked and all lights and appliances are switched off.

Members who have been using Club Boats must ensure that the boats and all their equipment are put away and secured as appropriate.

The Club cannot accept any responsibility for any article left in the Clubhouse or on the premises. NOTE THAT member's property is NOT covered by any of the Club's insurance policies.

3. Telephone

A mobile telephone for emergency calls, which can also be used by members for short duration local calls on payment of a minimum fee of 20 pence, is available just inside the door of the control tower

4. Location

The club is located at Boshaw Whams Reservoir, Strines Moor Road, Hade Edge Holmfirth.

The official Postal address and other details of the club are as follows: -

The Clubhouse

Grid Reference 152 055

Boshaw

Hade Edge

www.huddersfieldsailing.org.uk

HOLMFIRTH HD9 1RA

e-mail huddersfield@rya-yorkshire.org

5. Visitors

Visitors are welcome at the Club but must be signed in by a member using the Visitors Book mounted on a pillar in the observation lounge of the Clubhouse. No visitor may be introduced more than six times in any one season. A visitor may crew in any boat but is not normally permitted to helm in a race.

6. Kitchen

Light refreshments including sweets are available, together with facilities for members to prepare their own food and drink. The kitchen, drinks, sweets, etc are provided on a self-help basis and members are expected to clear away as necessary after themselves. Payment is by an honesty box or a member's account book operated on an honesty basis - any Club Officer or Committee Member will be happy to explain the arrangements in more detail.

7. Working Parties/Maintenance

Maintenance of the Clubhouse and premises generally is normally undertaken on a voluntary basis by members themselves, coordinated and often supervised by the Club Boatswain. This work obviously reduces the costs of running the Club to the benefit of everyone in lower subscription fees. The work is also a social experience and often a lot of fun!

Although work is ongoing throughout the year, the Boatswain usually organizes working parties, especially early in the season, to facilitate maintenance and development. Support of all members is much appreciated on these occasions and is regarded as a responsibility of membership. Some members choose instead to undertake tasks at alternative times to suit themselves.

8. Socials

A programme of social events is coordinated by the Social Secretary throughout the year. Details are publicized on posters in the Clubhouse and in the Club Newsletter which is sent to all members approximately five times a year. The Newsletter is a useful source of information for activities outside the Sailing Programme. Contributions from members are always welcome.