

COWES YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

CLUB REGULATIONS

13. USE OF CLUB BOATS

- 13.1 The Club owns a number of Pacers and Optis ('Club Boats'), which the Club has invested in to advance its sail training programme. The following sub-regulations set out the conditions under which full Members of the Club may make use of these boats. Club Members using Club Boats must ensure that they follow the requirements of these Regulations, and if they fail to do so, they may not be permitted to further use Club Boats.
- 13.2 The Club Boats are primarily to be used for organised sail training and Green Fleet activities, but may also be booked for organised Club races.
- 13.3 Only full Members of the Club or approved other Sailing Members may book and use Club Boats on the following conditions:
- (a) The Club boats are only available to be booked when no Sail Training or Green Fleet has been scheduled for that time in the Club Calendar
 - (b) The Club Boats must be booked and signed out using the Club's booking system on the Club's website <https://www.cowesyachtclub.com/bookings/>
 - (c) No Club Boats are to be sailed in winds over 20 knots or when a Strong Wind Warning has been issued for that day for Western Port by the Bureau of Meteorology
 - (d) There must be a Club Patrol Boat crewed and available on the water when Club Boats are being used
 - (e) Unless by prior consent of a Committee member, except for Club racing or organised training events, Club Boats should only be sailed in the waters in front of the Club inside the area bounded by Mussel Rocks to the east and the Public Caravan Park and Cowes public boat ramp to the west.

13.4 Members using Club Boats must ensure that they look after Club Boats as follows:

Before Use

- (a) Always check the Club Boat and equipment for existing damage, wear and tear and missing parts, including checking the sails for holes, tears or excessive wear. Do not use any damaged Club Boats or sails or swap sails or equipment between Club Boats. Report any repair requirements to a Committee member (if present) or send an email to admin@cowesyachtclub.com
- (b) Check that all bungs and hatches are in and tightened

Sailing

- (c) Care should be taken not to crash into other boats or obstacles

After Use

- (d) If a Club Boat is on the beach, try to avoid dragging it over the sand, rocks or over the ramp. Lift the Boat on to its beach trolley and on to the ramp.
- (e) Wash down the Club Boat, inside and out, and trolley, and remove all sand
- (f) Undo all bungs and drain, check any hatches and sponge out any water. Refit hatches loosely
- (g) Do not leave the sails up to flog. Lower and roll sails
- (h) Wash sails to remove sand and salt. Make sure they are dry before rolling them up and storing them.
- (i) Club Pacers must be left washed, tied down and with mast baffle fitted
- (j) Report any repair requirements to a Committee member (if present) or send an email to admin@cowesyachtclub.com

13.5 Also check the CYC COVIDSafe Routine Cleaning and Disinfecting Instructions for further instructions on cleaning and disinfecting Club Boats after use <https://www.cowesyachtclub.com/covidsafe-plan/go-sailing/>