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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 Folkboat 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.

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.

CLUB BOAT DEFECTS

The Club Boats have many users and it is essential that those responsible for their maintenance be informed of defects so that safety and high standards can be maintained. Defects found on any Club Boat must be recorded by the Helm in the Club Boat Book when signing off the boat after use, and where the defect is of a serious nature preventing safe use of the boat, the Helm should in addition advise the Boatman and as soon as possible thereafter the Convener and Caretaker. Helms are expected however to make good any minor defects within their competence before signing off.

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

- 1 Booking may be made by entry in the Club Boat Book or by phoning the Administrative Assistant during office hours. (The Club Boat Book is being kept in the Bar area.)
- 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) Helm, (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

- 1 Season Charge (Helmsman) entitling Member to use of a Club Boat throughout season.....**£200.00**
- 2 Session Charge (Helmsman) entitling Member to use of a Club Boat on any one day **£20.00**

In any season where the total of the Session Charges paid by a Member equals the Season Charge no further payment will be accrued.

GENERAL CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Detailed instructions on stowing the Pipers and sails will be provided in the Club Boat book. All Members using Club Boats must observe these, including 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 programmed racing events (i.e. not informal races).
- 4 Regatta sails shall only be used for racing events open to yachts from other clubs
- 5 Boats to be left in a tidy and seaman-like manner with all gear stowed away and the bilges dry.
- 6 Defects arising to be recorded in the Club Boat Book when the boat is signed off at the end of a session.
- 7 The boats are checked weekly for damage and missing equipment. To avoid comeback helms persons should ensure that these requirements are followed.

CLUB BOAT REGULATIONS

- 1 Members using a Club Boat shall be conversant with these Regulations, and shall be deemed to be so, and shall be bound thereby.
- 2 The scale of charges for the use of the Club Boats will be as prescribed by the Committee from time to time.
- 3 The arrangements for the booking of Club Boats will be as prescribed by the Committee from time to time.

- 4 The Committee may prescribe periods during which the use of the Club Boats will be reserved for the organised training of Cadets and/or other events.
- 5 It is the responsibility of the helm to ensure that the boat is adequately crewed for the conditions prevailing and for the purpose for which the boat is to be used. Members requesting permission to helm a Club Boat will require to pass a helm test equivalent to RYA Level 3 in wind conditions no greater than force 4, or, at the Committee's discretion, provided equivalent evidence of competence. A list of Members authorised to helm Pipers, and of Members approved is maintained in the Club Boat Book.
- 6 Every person using a Club Boat shall provide himself/herself with an efficient life-jacket.
- 7 There shall be entered in the Club Boat Book before boarding the names of all the crew together with the intended destination and approximate time of return.
- 8 Except at the discretion of the Committee, Convener or Boatman not fewer than two nor more than four persons will be on board any boat at any time.
- 9 No boat shall be taken from its mooring without the permission of an Officer of the Club, Club Boat and/or Cadet Convener, or the Club Boatman. Their decision will be final.
- 10 Each Member using a Club Boat will ascertain that all necessary gear (as listed in the Club Boat Book) is on board and that the boat and its gear are in a sound and seaworthy condition. Any deficiencies must be noted in the Club Boat Book. Users are expected to carry out minor repairs on the spot and to leave the boat in a seaworthy condition.
- 11 No alterations to ballast, rigging, sails or gear shall be made without the permission of the Club Boat Convener or Caretaker.
- 12 Any accident, whether or not causing damage to a Club Boat or a third party, shall be entered in the Club Boat Book immediately on landing. In case there is damage to either a Club Boat or a third party an accident report is to be submitted to Boat Convener.
- 13 Any Member who in the opinion of the Committee causes damage to, or loss of, a boat or its gear through failure to take reasonable care will be asked to contribute such sum as the Committee may determine towards the cost of making good the damage or loss, including any uninsured loss.
- 14 To comply with the terms of the Insurance Policy no Club Boat may be taken outwith the limits of a line from Skipness Point (Argyll) to Lochranza (Arran) and a line from Brodick (Arran) to Ardrossan (Ayrshire).
- 15 Every person using a Club Boat shall do so at his/her own risk, and the Club shall not be liable to any such person by reason of unseaworthiness of any boat or any defects in or inadequacy of its gear, or for any other reason.
- 16 Club Boats shall be returned to their moorings prior to the Boatman's finishing time. Overnight or extended absence is not permitted other than with the prior agreement of the Committee.
- 17 Any instructions inserted in the Club Boat book by the Conveners are deemed to be an addition to these rules.

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