



Hire / Rental Conditions

Before using any Maidenhead Sailing Club (MSC) hire equipment; dinghies, paddle boards or kayaks, the craft shall be paid for via the online portal. The rental of club equipment is available to members of the club. Completion and payment indicate that you agree with the conditions of hire. They represent an agreement between the Hirer and MSC for the hire of dinghies, paddle boards or kayaks for use by the sailor or by a person for whom the Hirer is responsible.

The Hirer recognizes that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity and the hirer or persons for whom they are responsible undertakes it entirely at their own risk.

Hirers and users agree:

1. That the users skills/experience is in keeping with the craft being hired. If the craft is to be used by a person under the age of 18 that the Hirer explains the conditions of hire.
2. All lake users must demonstrate awareness of the dangers of water sports and that they shall wear a buoyancy aid (or personal floatation device) that is CE marked and suited to the individual wearing it. The club makes available such devices for use with all equipment.
3. The Hirer shall be solely responsible for any consequences arising from misuse of the equipment or actions that are deemed inappropriate at the club.
4. To comply with the MSC Bylaws (as displayed in the clubhouse).
5. To pay the current boat hire fees before taking a boat on to the water.
6. Not to remove any boats, kayaks or paddleboards or any associated component from MSC premises without the prior agreement of MSC GPC.

Additionally, the Hirer agrees to:

1. Use of the rented equipment appropriately.
 - a. Sail the boat in such a way to avoid causing injury to other lake users or damage to their boats, craft and/or equipment.
 - b. Paddle the craft in such a way to avoid causing injury to other lake users or damage to their boats, craft and/or equipment.
2. Be appropriately dressed for the conditions and wear a buoyancy aid whenever on the pontoons or water.
3. Always launch the boat safely, leaving the trolley and boat cover in a safe position that will not obstruct other club activities.
4. Return the boat to its original location in the same or better condition it was found. It should be de-rigged and all equipment put away in the correct location.
5. Report any damage by email to our bosuns by means of the QR codes found on each the craft or on the race hut. The email address is bosun@maidenheadsc.org.uk If damage is severe, the hirer may be asked to pay the insurance excess (currently £50).

MSC will ensure that:

1. The boat/paddleboard/kayak is sound and correct equipment/rigging/sails is available.
2. The club's watercraft are comprehensively insured and carry third party liability cover of £10,000,000.
3. Damage due to fair wear and tear is rectified at the club expense.

Note that there are pumps for Paddle boards within the rental area of the container should the paddle board appear low in pressure. In the event of a leak being apparent please email bosun@maidenheadsc.org.uk indicating the number of the craft in question.