



Terms of Hire for ESC Boats

1. Boats may only be hired by fully paid up Members of ESC.
2. No Boat will be hired to the same person or family for a period in excess of 5 consecutive days without written approval from bookings@emsworthsc.org.uk.
3. The hirer must be 18 years old or over at the date of hire.
4. The hirer is responsible for the boat while it is being used during the period of hire.
5. The hirer will be considered the "master" of the boat for the period of use.
6. ESC may require the hirer to provide a deposit against damage of not more than £50 prior to the hiring in addition to the hire fee.
7. Any damage to the Boat or for lost equipment, beyond fair wear and tear will be logged by the hirer in the incident book located in the outer office.
8. If damage to the boat is not reported the hirer may be liable for the full cost of repairs.
9. Hirers shall reimburse ESC for any loss or damage caused during their period of hire, to
 - a. a boat and/or
 - b. a third party,and shall either, pay the full cost of replacement and/or repair, or pay the amount of any insurance excess applicable which is £50, whichever is the lesser amount.
10. Boats must be returned to their allocated slot on the terrace by the hirer with all equipment immediately after use, packed away, washed down and free from sand. A surcharge may be applied to the hirer if this is not completed to a satisfactory standard.
11. ESC/Bosun may make such enquiries of the hirer prior to the hiring as it considers appropriate to satisfy itself that the hirer is competent to sail the boat and has the right to refuse a hiring on such grounds as it considers fit.
12. Hirers will be bound by the [ESC rules](#) and [byelaws](#) and go afloat at their own risk.
13. All persons using a hire boat shall wear a buoyancy aid at all times whilst afloat.
14. The hirer may not sail the Boat other than from the ESC site without the written approval of the Bosun.
15. Refunds are at the discretion of ESC, and will only be issued in exceptional circumstances.
16. Maximum number of people in each ESC boat;
 - a. RS Feva should be in accordance with the CE Plate that can be found on the transom/within the cockpit of the vessel
 - b. RS Vision should be in accordance with the CE Plate that can be found on the transom/within the cockpit of the vessel
 - c. Laser Bahia should be in accordance with the CE Plate that can be found on the transom/within the cockpit of the vessel
 - d. Optimist - 2 small children
 - e. Scow should be in accordance with the CE Plate that can be found on the transom/within the cockpit of the vessel. Max. 2 Persons or 260KG.
17. ESC may impose such other conditions on the hire of the boats as it considers reasonably necessary.
18. ESC reserves the right to cancel any bookings if boats are required for training purposes. Training will always take priority over bookings. ESC will endeavour to provide as much cancellation notice as possible.