



Guidelines for Hiring ESC Boats

These guidelines are designed to keep ESC boats in the best condition possible and the hiring of boats is conditional upon the hirer adhering to them. Hirers who do not take care of equipment will be unable to hire boats in the future.

For pleasure use, members may hire a boat if they have prior experience of sailing that type of boat or are otherwise experienced sailors capable of competently sailing it. If there is any doubt an induction can be arranged upon request.

Checking over the boat and getting ready to launch

Prior to launching it is essential to check the boat over for any damage or defects and to ensure that all safety equipment is present and working. Carefully remove the cover and store properly, do not leave it lying on the ground outside where it will get walked on and/or blown away, or lying on top of another boat etc.

Use only the gear belonging to each boat. All sails, foils, spars, covers and trolleys for Club ESC boats are marked with an identification number specific to each boat. Please do not use equipment belonging to another boat. This is to ensure that different boats are kept in the correct set-up for racing or beginner training etc. Please ensure that you also put the boat back on its own numbered trolley.

Launching & recovery

Boats should always be launched and recovered in suitable depths of water to avoid accidental damage to the hull or foils.

Crews should always drop the mainsail before approaching the slip when the wind is onshore (i.e. NE to SW direction). After launching ensure that the trolley is returned to its designated space and not just abandoned where it could cause inconvenience to other members etc. Leaving trolleys on the main slipway during a falling tide must be avoided as this causes inconvenience to other boat users wishing to launch etc. Think of others!

Returning to the Club

All ESC boats have their own individual trolleys and parking space on the hard. Please ensure that you return the boat on its own trolley to its appropriate location and secure it. Likewise all sails, foils and spars have an individual storage place in the shed; please ensure that you return everything to its appropriate place. This makes for easy checking that all equipment is present and accounted for and ensures that everything is where it should be for the next person.

Safety

A personal flotation device must be worn at all times by everyone aboard the boat. Other safety equipment such as a handheld radio etc. could be useful – especially if taking the boat some distance from ESC. The masthead flotation device provided for the Bahia dinghies to prevent the mast inverting after capsize must be hoisted at all times, including while racing, when the boat is on the water. Smoking aboard any ESC boat is strictly prohibited.