

## Policy for the use of OSC Boats by Club Members

### Principles:

- Club members should be able to use the assets of their sailing club for personal sailing opportunities
- Safe usage is at the heart of the decision process
- Those who are using club boats should be club members (which may require them to become temporary members)

### Dinghies:

- This policy concerns the use of **OSC-owned dinghies only (Picos and Toppers)** and has no bearing on use of privately owned dinghies. **Feva dinghies owned by Oban High School are not available for private use under this Club policy.**
- Helms of each dinghy should be Club members, which may require them to take out Temporary Membership (see Notes). Non-Club members can crew.
- There must be a someone over 18 in attendance at all times
- Maximum of two dinghies on the water per responsible adult.
- Members who hold a Dinghy Instructor or Senior Instructor qualification are not obliged to make use of the safety boat. In all other cases the appropriate use of a safety boat is required.
- Sailors must have a minimum qualification of RYA Stage 2 or equivalent skill.
- Sailing area will be limited: Southern Limit – Kilbowie/Heather Island, Northern Limit – Line from N end Kerrera to Dungallan Park Pontoon.
- Damage and breakages must be reported back to the Club and may incur a charge.

### Safety Boats:

- OSC typically requires the use of safety boats whilst Club dinghies are being used.
- OSC will allow Senior and Dinghy Instructors to facilitate use of club dinghies without a safety boat but that a safety boat should be 'available for use' whilst dinghies are on the water.
- All those helming safety boats must:
  - a) Already be on the safety boat rota for OSC events
  - b) Be over 18
- Safety boats must only be used for safety cover for sailing or powerboat skill development
- Area of usage is the same as for dinghies with southern and northern limits
- Safety boats are to be signed in and out in same way as any other club activity
- A charge of £5 per half day will be charged to cover direct costs of fuel and servicing.

### Notes on Accessing the Boats:

- Please follow the appended flow chart as far as possible
- Where possible please make requests by emailing the Club at [osc@obansailingclub.org](mailto:osc@obansailingclub.org) to indicate your intention to use the boats.
- Members need to make their own decisions about sailing on the day but OSC place an upper wind limit of F5.
- Temporary Membership Forms are stored in a folder in the Race Office

