

Club Dinghy Use Policy

Hamilton Yacht Club

1 Jan 2022

This document outlines HYC's policy on hiring boats owned by the club. HYC provides sailing and racing predominantly for people who own their own dinghies. Locker storage may be leased on site.

New Members

Club dinghies are generally provided for free to new members in the first season of their sailing membership, often as part of buying LTS. Non-sailing parents of LTS juniors need to buy a sailing membership if they plan to regularly use a Club dinghy.

Beyond Season 1, Own Your Own Dinghy

Ideally, sailors own their own dinghies.

One-Off / Occasional Use

Club dinghies may be leased for one-off day use, at the discretion of HYC Committee, on a case-by-case basis.

One-off / occasional use of a Club dinghy is \$20 per day for adults and \$10 per day for juniors. (Quests are also \$20 per day for adults and \$10 per day for juniors.)

Payment can be made at the Bar's EFTPOS. Record the dinghy lease details (including person and boat) on the back of a paper receipt and put it in the bar till.

Transitioning/Temporary Lease (while between buying boats or transitioning fleets.)

This is an exception offered in rare, specific cases; it is not an ongoing alternative to owning a dinghy.

Sailors may lease a term of club boat use for \$200 per term/holiday. The lease provides access to one of the Club dinghies on a first-come, first-served basis, not a specifically allocated dinghy.

- Term 4: October through mid-January.
- Term 1: Mid-January through April.
- Uni Summer Holidays: November through January.

Club Dinghy Use by Members who Already Own their Own Dinghy

Club members who own their own dinghy may use a club dinghy occasionally themselves (that is, they are already covering maintenance and locker-lease costs). For example, if their dinghy is not functioning that day, they are trying a different fleet experience, or a Quest experience.

Prospective People Investigating Sailing

No fee is charged if the HYC hosting member believes there is genuine prospect of membership being trialled, such as giving tasters in Quests to a sailor's parents, genuinely interested new inquiries, etc.

This is not a 'social sail with a friend.' Take friends out in your own boat! Or consider the \$20 fee.

Quest Use

- Club members already covering the cost of their own dinghy: no fee.
- New members being coached, or coaches using Quests for their session: no fee.
- Taster experiences being offered to prospective members or current members: no fee.
- Visitors or short-term visitors pay \$20 per-person for Quest use.

Helming a Quest requires approval by a HYC Flag Officer, Secretary, Coaching Coordinator, or the Quest Coordinator.

Maintenance & Repair

The Club will maintain general wear and tear costs but the sailor will incur costs where there has been an incident caused by accident or misuse.