

NEWHAVEN & SEAFORD SAILING CLUB

BOAT HIRE 2025

We are pleased to be able to offer hire boats at our two sites of Piddinghoe and Seaford to club members who hold a category of Sailing Membership and who have a RYA Dinghy Level 2 (adult) or Stage 2 (youth) standard of qualification/ability as a minimum and perhaps do not have their own boat to use. This is a great way to continue practicing sailing and even trying your hand at racing during the first year or two of membership whilst investigating the sort of boat that may appeal for ownership. Help and advice is always there for the asking. Please do ask!

We are using the shlott.com booking system to indicate and guarantee boat availability and to use this you will need to contact membershipsecnssc@nssc.org.uk to get your name added to the system.

PIDDINGHOE :

Boat availability will be as shown on the shlott.com reservation/booking system. Please be aware that on the odd occasion some boats may not be available for hire if being used for RYA training or cadet sessions.

Priced per boat per session, morning and afternoon or evenings (summer).

To book and pay - <https://webcollect.org.uk/nssc/event/daily-boat-hire-2025>

Alternatively, if you plan to sail on more than twelve times a year then our INDIVIDUAL ANNUAL HIRE fee of £160 (i.e. one boat at a time) or FAMILY ANNUAL HIRE fee of £260 (i.e. multiple boats per family at a time) is offered which will work out better giving you access to a boat without further charge.

This only applies to our Piddinghoe fleet.

To apply - www.webcollect.org.uk/nssc/subscription

OUR BOATS

OPPIE (x2) - £14

For junior sailors up to age 15 and a suggested 54kg maximum weight, to keep up with their new found skills. The same forever reliable single hander boat that is used for our popular Cadet Evenings and Cadet Week. This is the boat that can lead to the technical Optimist that can be seen all over the world! Help or advice? - Andy Hamilton, Cadet CoOrdinator

TOPPER (x2) - £14

A single hander mainly for junior sailors up to age 15 and a 47-63kg weight range. The Topper is an essential part of our popular Cadet Evenings and Cadet Week. Also suitable for the smaller adult new to sailing to come and hone those new found skills by taking part in our informal Women-on-Water or Assisted-Saturday-Sailing weekly sessions (see the Club's website diary) and receive friendly help and advice!

LASER (x2) - £14

A basic single hander, and an Olympic class, that has three sail/rig options to suit the sailor and conditions : **4.7** for sailors up to 62kg, and a junior pathway class for transitioning across from the popular Oppie and Topper : **Radial** for sailors in the 60-72kg weight range, and a youth pathway class : **Full** for sailors in the 70kg + weight range.

Contact training team members or the Club's Laser Fleet Captain, Zoe McCaig, for advice, hints and tips!

PICO (x2) - £14

A simple to rig single hander popular with many training centres in the UK and abroad. Suitable for a wide age range and ability that can accommodate two and has the option of an easily rigged jib. Without the jib hoisted the mainsail can be easily reefed by taking turns around the mast. Perhaps you learnt in one?

SLIPPER (x2) - £14

These boats have been in our Club and been a part of our Sailing School for around thirty years. Designed originally for wood construction back in the early 1930's in Eastbourne before being manufactured in GRP from 1979 of which sixty eight were built, the last one in the early 1990's. "Aimed at the newcomer parent to the sport looking for a new and exciting experience to share with the kids" was the sales pitch! With just a mainsail and jib to hoist and the traditional looks these are a 'Swallows and Amazons' small dinghy adventure!

The Slipper Story - <https://www.slipper-dinghy.com/the-slipper-story-1>

LASER 2 (x1) - £14

An exciting but manageable lightweight double hander with single trapeze and symmetrical spinnaker options. The ideal combined crew weight is between 120-170kg. The boat is ideal for mixed crews and makes a good progression boat for youth sailors into teamwork.

Although no longer made they are still popular with sailing centres and universities. Just one of many websites - <https://www.laser2sailing.org.uk/sites/laser2sailing.org.uk/files/documents/Laser2UKRiggingManual.pdf> We also have one at Seaford!

CADET WEEK - PIDDINGHOE

Our annual Cadet Week is from 11/08/25 - 15/08/25 and will see a special reduction in the hire fee for Oppies, Toppers and Lasers.

SEAFORD :

Priced per boat per race day session.

To check availability and reserve - shlott.com

To pay - <https://webcollect.org.uk/nssc/event/daily-boat-hire-2025>

(Please pay your hire fee by the end of day of use)

For hire only on and during organised race days when rescue cover is provided.

See the Racing Calendar on our website www.sailinginsussex.org under

[Sailing](#). Racing is by no means mandatory at Seaford in which case you are

requested to keep within the area that it occupies so that rescue teams can

keep an eye on you. Please be aware that Seaford boat hire can be dependant

on the weather and sea conditions and safe launching and recovery. Please

heed the advice from the Race Officer on the day and our seasoned sailors.

If racing is postponed due to unsuitable conditions notification may well be

posted on our [WhatsApp - NSSC Community - NSSC Racing](#) group, please get

yourself added. Any queries please contact membershipsecnssc@nssc.org.uk

OUR BOATS

DART 18 (x1) - £24 (senior cadets - £14)

Racing performance catamaran sailed two up with the addition of a jib and trapeze or sailed single handed with trapeze and without the jib. For the experienced sailor(s). Contact our seasoned Dart 18 sailor Jamie Lynch at the Club for help and advice or even coaching!

SPRINT 15 (x2) - £22 (senior cadets - £12)

A popular addition three seasons ago. A racing catamaran very popular with members.

Sailed two-up with main and jib with a trapeze option for the lighter team, sailed single

handed with just the main (most popular) or sailed "Sport", single handed with mainsail, jib

and trapeze (also popular). Ideal catamaran for taking first steps into twin hulls. Contact the

Club's Catamaran Fleet Captain, Mark Ramsey, and fleet members for help and advice.

LASER (x2) - £20 (cadets - £10)

A hiking single hander (and Olympic class). Both boats have 'race' upgrades and a choice of

sail/rig to suit the sailor/conditions : **Full** for sailors in the 70kg + weight range : **Radial** for

sailors in the 60-72kg weight range and a popular class at Seaford. A Youth RYA Pathway

Class and suitable for the majority of adult sailors : **4.7** for sailors up to 62kg and a Junior

RYA Pathway Class that allows transitioning across from the popular Optimist/Topper boats.

It's your choice! Contact the Fleet Captain Zoe McCaig for advice and possible coaching.

RS FEVA (x3) - £20 (cadets - £10)

A very popular class worldwide. A double hander hiking dinghy designed and adopted

specifically as a Junior RYA Pathway Class for youngsters aged 10-15 yrs. in a race fitted

boat with three sails - jib, mylar mainsail and asymmetric spinnaker. The recommended

combined weight range is between 85-110kg. Parent and child combinations work well. For

rigging advice check out this link - <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=7n-VKR65jMw>

LASER 2 (x1) - £20 (senior cadets - £10)

Exciting but manageable lightweight double hander version of the popular Laser. A hiking dinghy with the options of trapeze and symmetrical spinnaker. Still popular with sailing centres and universities. A good progression boat for youth sailors into teamwork. The ideal combined crew weight is between 120-170kg and suits mixed crews. For information

<https://www.laser2sailing.org.uk/sites/laser2sailing.org.uk/files/documents/Laser2UKRiggingManual.pdf>

PICO (x1) - £18 (cadets - £8)

Mainly a hiking single hander ideal as an off the beach boat that can take two (perhaps a parent and child or two youngsters) that has the option of an easily rigged jib. The sleeved mainsail can be easily reefed, by removal of the jib if used, by taking turns around the mast. Perhaps you learnt in one at Piddinghoe? Maybe follow the racers around the course?

FAMILY SAILING WEEK - SEAFORD

Our annual Family Sailing Week will be from 28/07/25 - 1/08/25 and will see a special reduction in the hire fee for this period and will have six of our 'race' Toppers brought over from Piddinghoe.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BOAT HIRE

A - Boat hire is only available to N.S.S.C. Sailing Members.

B - Our hire charges unfortunately are not transferable between our two sites of Piddinghoe and Seaford.

C - Hirers must have their sailing ability verified by the Principle or Instructors of NSSC or BWS RYA Training Centres.

D - Parents or guardians must be in attendance at all times at either site whilst Junior sailors (under 16) are afloat.

E - All users of hire boats are expected to abide by the Club's rules regarding being suitably dressed for the conditions and wearing of approved buoyancy aids at all times whilst afloat.

F - N.S.S.C. holds appropriate insurance to cover you whilst sailing or racing. If it becomes necessary for a damage claim to be made against the Club's Policy then the Hirer shall be responsible for paying the **£250 Club Excess** unless there are extenuating circumstances for consideration.

FOR PIDDINGHOE

1. On payment of the hire fee (Single Session, Annual Single or Annual Family) the Hirer will be given access to a boats equipment in the Hire Shed.
2. Hire boats and access codes must not be shared with other club members not on the hire list or non members.
3. The equipment i.e. rudders and daggerboards and Slipper sails are stored in the Hire Shed between the Topper racking and the Bosun's Shed. The masts and rigs for the Topper's and Pico's are on the outside of the Bosun's Shed as are one of each of the three Laser rig/sail options.
4. For the Laser 2 equipment this will be found in the Bosun's Shed and will only be available when organised sailing sessions are taking place ie. Women-on-Water, Assisted Saturday Sailing, Have A Go sessions. For possible additional arrangements please contact the Piddinghoe Bosun, Simon Suter via the clubs [WhatsApp - NSSC Community - NSSC Boat Hire Group](#).
5. All boat hire members may use any of the boats in the hire fleet that are shown as available on the [shlott.com](#) booking system and must be suitable for the users ability. Boats will be on a first come first served basis. Daily Single Session bookings (a.m. or p.m.) - Only ONE boat may be hired by an individual with an additional booking of a boat if required for other (family) sailing members.
6. A note book and sheet with the names of Annual Single or Annual Family Hire members will be kept in the Hire Shed and along with Single Session members you are asked to log the use of the boat used along with your name and date. Checks will be made on this.
7. Looking after the boat and equipment IS an essential part of the hire. Hirers of a boat are expected to make sure all equipment is cleaned and stored properly and where applicable covers put on and ALL their straps secured. Any minor issues ARE expected to be rectified where possible otherwise a report entered into the note book detailing the boat used, name and date, the issue and additionally a report submitted to the Piddinghoe Bosun, Simon Suter via the [WhatsApp - NSSC Community - NSSC Boat Hire Group](#).
8. Some hire boats may well be used during sailing courses, cadet sessions or during Cadet Week.
9. If you are the last to leave - Please check that the Hire Shed door is closed and the padlock has been attached and the number scrambled.

FOR SEAFORD

1. Upon a Hirers first payment and receipt of the appropriate fee they will be given the padlock number and alarm codes to the Bosuns Shed. On the day the Hirer shall indicate on the competitors signing on/off sheet, to be found on the desk in the wet entrance below the white board, their intention to go afloat and again ASAP on their safe return wether racing or not.
2. Hire boats and access codes must not be shared with non members.
3. The equipment i.e. rudders, daggerboards, sails and masts (where appropriate) will all be found in the Bosun's Shed OR in and under the cover of the respective boat. All boats will be found outside at the end of or alongside the Bosun's Shed or just across beneath the sea wall.
4. Using the shlott.com booking system that shows boat availability will guarantee a boat and will take precedence over "just turn up".
5. Hire boat payments are expected to be made by the end of the day of use.
6. A note book may be used to record any issues that cannot be rectified by the Hirer but otherwise please send a report via [WhatsApp - NSSC Community - NSSC Boat Hire Group](#). Alternatively please submit an email to the Seaford Bosun - bosunnssc@nssc.org.uk
7. Hirers are expected to look after the boats and equipment after use INCLUDING a thorough hosing down with particular attention to daggerboard cases, foils and fittings, in addition to clearing out any beach shingle. Sails, if possible to be left to dry, must preferably be rolled up, otherwise folded, and inserted into the relevant sail bags where used. NB - Please ROLL the RS Feva mylar main sails! Spinnakers must be folded before putting into their bag. Any equipment taken from the Bosuns Shed must be returned.
8. Covers must be replaced with ALL straps secured and tensioned and with the boat in it's correct berth it must be secured using the tie-down ropes.
9. If you are the last to leave please make sure the Bosun's Shed alarm has been reset, the padlock to the door is attached with its number scrambled and bolts secured.

DECLARATION

In applying for boat hire either at PIDDINGHOE or SEAFORD you agree to the Terms and Conditions as outlined above and will have paid the appropriate fee.