

NEWHAVEN & SEAFORD SAILING CLUB

BOAT HIRE 2026

We are pleased to be able to offer a range of 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 view availability and reserve a boat and to use this for the first time please CONTACT the membershipsecnssc@nssc.org.uk to get your name added to the system which will then send you a automatic password creation link to allow you to register/sign in on and each subsequent visit.

You are required to make sure you are familiar with the following T&C's.

GENERAL - TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BOAT HIRE

A - Boat hire is only available to N.S.S.C. Sailing Members and is not intended as an alternative to a member owning their own boat.

B - First time Hirers must have a RYA Dinghy Level 2 (adult) or Stage 2 (youth) standard of qualification, or of that ability, as a minimum. This can be verified either by the Principle or Instructors of NSSC or BWS RYA Training Centres.

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

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

E - Daily Hirers must pay by the end of the day of boat use. Failure to do so will result in a email reminder being sent on the 3rd day following boat usage.

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

G - If a boat is damaged or equipment is lost and repair or replacement is required the Hirer shall be responsible for that cost.

PIDDINGHOE - TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BOAT HIRE

A - First time Hirers are required to attend a familiarisation session with the Piddinghoe Bosun, Simon Suter, usually on a Saturday - contact him via the [WhatsApp - NSSC Community - NSSC Boat Hire Group](#).

B - On payment of an Annual Single or Annual Family hire fee (including the monthly payment option) via webcollect.org.uk the Hirer will be informed of the digital code to the lock of the Hire Shed for access to a boats equipment. This code must not be shared with other members not on the Annual Hire List, as posted in the Hire Shed, or non members.

C - The equipment i.e. rudders and daggerboards and the Oppie and Slipper sails are stored in the Hire Shed. The masts and rigs/sails 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.

D - All Annual Single and Annual Family Hirers can use any of the boats listed in the hire fleet on any day and that are shown as available and pre-booked on the shlott.com booking system and must be suitable for the users ability. Additional boats are only available on organised sailing session days.

E - Annual Family Hirers will have the use of multiple boats per session. Single Annual Hirers will have the use of one boat per session.

F - Daily Hire boats are only available when organised sailing sessions are taking place i.e. Assisted Saturday Sailing, Thursday evening Women-on-Water or any Have A Go sessions.

G - Hirers must look after the boat and after use make sure all equipment is kept clean and returned as found and if applicable a cover is put back on and all the straps secured and tensioned.

H - All Hirers on the day must record a boats use in the diary kept in the Hire Shed against the relevant date - include your name, the boat used and if necessary report any boat problems. Reporting of problems can be submitted to the Piddinghoe Bosun, Simon Suter via the [WhatsApp - NSSC Community - NSSC Boat Hire Group](#). Any minor issues should be rectified by the Hirer.

I - Check to see if you are the last to leave in which case DO make sure that the Hire Shed door is closed and locked securely.

SEAFORD - TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BOAT HIRE

A - Hire boats are only available on race days and other organised events when rescue cover is provided. Boat availability and booking is via shlott.com

B - Rudders, daggerboards, sails and masts, where appropriate, are kept in the Bosun's Shed or in the respective boats found outside at the end of the Bosun's Shed or just across beneath the sea wall.

C - Hirers that require access to the Bosun's Shed, if not already open, should go to the Race Box and ask the Race Officer to arrange it's opening.

D - On the day, before going afloat, the Hirer shall indicate the boat being used plus their name on the competitors signing-on sheet on the desk in the wet entrance below the white board. Please indicate if not racing.

E - The Responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone (Racing Rules of Sailing - 3).

F - It is a requirement that following use a boat is properly cleaned with fresh water and sand/shingle removed, particularly from self bailers, and the sails rolled up and inserted into the respective sailbags if used. N.B. - Please ROLL the RS Feva mylar mainsails. Any equipment taken from the Bosun's Shed must be returned.

G - A boat must be returned to it's correct berth, the cover to be put back on with all straps secured and finally it must be re-secured using the tie down ropes.

H - A diary is kept in the Bosun's Shed and should be used to record the boats use and for the reporting of problems that cannot be rectified by the Hirer. This can also be done via [WhatsApp - NSSC Community - Boat Hire Group](#)

I - Once equipment has been returned to the Bosun's Shed please inform the Race Officer so that they can arrange the resetting of the alarm and locking of the door(s).

PIDDINGHOE HIRE

DAILY HIRE - Priced by boat PER PERSON. Please pay your hire fee by the end of day of use via - <https://webcollect.org.uk/nssc/event/daily-boat-hire-2026>

Boats will only be available when our club supervised sailing sessions are taking place i.e. the Thursday evening WoW (5pm-7pm) or the Saturday ASS (10am-4pm), generally from April to the end of September. Please note that these are volunteer led sessions and include rescue boat cover.

Alternatively, if you plan to sail on more than twelve times a year then our INDIVIDUAL ANNUAL HIRE fee of £170 (i.e. one boat at a time) or FAMILY ANNUAL HIRE fee of £270 (i.e. multiple boats per family at a time) is offered which will work out better giving you access to any of the hire boats listed below whenever you choose, subject to availability as shown on shlott.com, without further charge. A monthly payments option is available. To apply - <https://webcollect.org.uk/nssc/subscription> NOTE - These options only apply to our Piddinghoe fleet. You will also be given the code to the Hire Shed lock.

Occasionally some boats may not be available for hire if being used for cadet sessions or by BWS for training.

OUR BOATS

SPORT 14 (x1) - £15

A double hander. Only available on organised sessions i.e. Assisted Saturday Sailing. One of a former fleet of six that our club used for our Training School with a simple rigging system for the mainsail (which can be reefed) and jib. Designed for family sailing and recreational use and ease of handling, making it suitable for beginners and casual sailors without the complexities of more advanced racing dinghies. Ideal crew weight 130-140kg.

OPPIE (x2) - £15

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) - £15

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) - £15

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 the Club's Laser Fleet Captain, Zoe McCaig, for help and advice.

PICO (x2) - £15

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) - £15

These boats have been in our Club and been a part of our former Sailing School for around 30 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://shvd65.wixsite.com/slippersite/the-slipper-story-1>

CADET WEEK - PIDDINGHOE

Our annual Cadet Week is from 10/08/26 - 14/08/26 and will see a special reduction in the hire fee for Oppies, Toppers and Lasers.

SEAFORD HIRE

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-2026>

Please pay your hire fee by the end of the 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.

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) - £25 (2 x cadets - £15)

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) - £23 (2 x cadets - £12.50)

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) - £21 (cadets - £10.50)

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) - £21 (2 x cadets - £10.50)

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) - £21 (2 x cadets - £10.50)

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) - £19 (cadets - £8.50)

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 27/07/26 - 31/07/26 and will see a special reduction in the hire fee for our cadets and will have six of our 'race' Toppers brought over from Piddinghoe.
