

Members Responsibilities When Using Club Motor Boats

Reminder Handout

To ensure the boat is safe and can be enjoyed by all, the conditions for borrowing and returning the boat are:

- You are responsible for the collection of the keys, boat safety equipment cannister, paddles, boat hook etc from their storage location and for their return at the end of the session.
 - **Doris's** equipment is located in the cage at the back of the Club. The Bar Staff will issue the boat key. Doris is usually Berthed on the DHNA Yacht Club Pontoon
 - **Sarah's** equipment is located in the wooden storage box in Coronation Park. The key to padlock will be provided by the bar staff. Sarah's boat keys are inside the safety equipment cannister. Sarah is usually located on the DHNA Low Water Pontoon DB39.

As skipper, by taking the boat out, you accept sole responsibility for the safety of the vessel and all aboard. You are reminded that:

- buoyancy aids / life jackets must be worn by all onboard AT ALL TIMES
- a kill cord must be worn around the thigh of the driver at all times
- the boat must not be taken to sea outside the Harbour Limits
- no more than 6 people can be aboard at any one time
- you are responsible for complying with all Harbour Authority requirements and the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPS)
- boaters may be prosecuted under the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 if their actions on the water are seen to be endangering other vessels, structures or individuals and they are under the influence of alcohol
- you are responsible for replacing any parts of the boat lost or damaged, including the key and must notifying the club immediately if any damage or loss occurs
- the tilt switch on the throttle control has been deactivated due to mis use. There is a second tilt switch on the engine itself which can be used to raise or lower the engine
- the engine must not be run when the propeller is out of the water
- refuelling: Fuel from the spare can should be used to top up the main tank as required, and you are expected to leave both the main and spare tanks full by re-fuelling the boat at the fuel barge (using the DYC account). If it's not possible for you to re fuel the cans after using the boat tell the Bosun on Mobile: 07747 655329
- no claim can be made against the Dartmouth Yacht Club in regard to the boat's use or users
- the boat must be returned to its mooring in a clean and tidy state and locked using the securing wire and padlock
- defects or breakages must be reported via the report form. You can also contact the Bosun on Mobile: 07747 655329 should you require any help or advice

The DYC committee advises that in the event of mis-use or if the boat is left in an unsuitable condition for the next member, then you may be refused the opportunity to borrow club boats in the future.