

VISION HIRE POLICY MARCH 2011

RS Vision Wind Conqueror

The RS Vision is capable of taking 3- 4 adults or a family. It is stable learning platform, easy to rig and for those seeking further skills it has a trapeze and an asymmetric spinnaker.

The Vision is provided firstly for people who cannot yet sail. It is there for their use, with the help of an experienced friend, or with one of our qualified instructors- ask the office for a list. Secondly, it is there to encourage all members to get out on the water to improve their skills. Anyone without a boat will may use her until they are at a standard where they obtain their own boat, or crew members in one of the Club's classes- Mirror, RS 200, RS800, Int 14, K6, Swallow, XOD and Sunbeam.

Conditions of use:

1. **Age** - under 16 must be supervised by an adult
2. The boat is for club members. Guests or visitors may be offered it, at the discretion of the Sailing Manager or Club Secretary.
3. A maximum of 4 adults or 1 adult and 3 children may be on board the boat, with a minimum of 2 people.
4. **Ability**- The hirer, or their instructor or guide, should be of RYA level 2 (adult) or RYA stage 3 (youth) standard, or have had similar experience. Thus someone in the boat must be able to:
 - Rig according to the weather conditions including reefing
 - Launch and recover the boat in all wind directions
 - Confident tacking and gybing
 - Sail on all points of sail
 - Come along side moored boat
 - Capsize and right the boat
 - Understand basic rules of road
 - Recover a man overboard
 - Understand basic tides. Springs, neaps, ebb and flow
 - Meteorology – understand basic weather and wind forecasts
- 4.1 Hirers who do not have relevant experience must engage one of the Club's qualified instructors, or sail with an experienced person approved by the office. A list of instructors is available from the office.
- 4.2 Young sailors under 16 must be supervised by an adult with suitable experience either in the boat or in a supporting motor boat.
5. **Availability** - Bookings should be made in advance via the office. If the boat is available bookings can be made on the day.
- 5.1 Bookings can be made for half or full day slots – morning slots from 9.30 until 12.30 afternoon slots from 13.00 until 16.30. Evening slots may be available- ask at the office. The boat is available to hire all year around on days the Club Office is open.
- 5.2 A maximum of one half day slot per weekend and 3 full day slots per month can be pre booked by an individual member or family, thereafter any additional bookings must be done on the day.
- 5.3 Booking will require the following information: Name of the hirer: names of those on board: time in / out: estimated time of return, passage details.
6. **Hire Fees** - There is no hire fee. However, a deposit of £20 is required; see also the insurance note at 14 below.
- 6.1 Stage Berth fees, Harbour Dues and general wear and tear maintenance will be paid by the club.
7. **Handover** – On commencement of hire the rudder is to be collected from the office and the dinghy hire agreement is to be signed. If under 16 then the hirer's parent or guardian must sign. The handover form will include confirmation as to condition of the boat.

8. Hirers must take a mobile phone with them, whose number is known to the office. The office can supply a waterproof bag.
9. **Tuning** - Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging including shrouds and forestay is not permitted save as is recommended in the rigging guide. Fittings and equipment must not be removed or changed on the boat.
- 9.2 **Sailing Area** - The boat is limited to the sailing area to the north of East Head Spit, east of Johns Folly race mark, south of Star racing mark, and the reach west of Itchenor SC. The area up to Dell Quay may be used by agreement with the office. Details of the passage must be reported to the office as part of the hire agreement.
10. **Weather Conditions** - The boat will not be permitted to launch in wind gusts or forecasts of 20 knots and above, or in poor visibility.
11. **Clothing and Buoyancy** - Buoyancy aids must be worn by everyone on board and suitable clothing for the conditions must be worn.
12. **Returns** - The boat must be returned to its berth, washed down and stowed away neatly and free of any personal belongings. The rudder must be returned to the office and the boat signed in by the return time agreed.
 - 12.1 In the event that the boat is not returned on time, the deposit will be forfeited.
13. **Damage and Loss** - Any damage or loss must be reported to the office at the end of the session. The boat will be checked by the Sailing manager and will record any damage and/or loss.
14. **Insurance** - The boat is insured on the club policy against loss and third party. In the event of damage or loss of equipment, or third party liability, resulting in an insurance claim, regardless of fault, the excess fee of £100 is payable by the hirer. The hirer will also assist in replacing broken parts.
15. **Disclaimer of liability** - The hirer and all users of the boat, use the boat and facilities entirely at their own risk and accept that:
 - The club will not accept liability for any damage or loss of property or belonging to the hirer or any other user.
 - The club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising from the use of the boat, whether sustained by the hirer or other users, or caused by the said hirer or users. Whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed or contributed to or has occasioned by neglect, defect or negligence of any of them, the officers, committee, members or servants of the club.
 - The club does not provide on the water cover during the period of hire.