



Mullingar Sailing Club
LOUGH OWEL



POLICY AND TERMS OF USE FOR CLUB SAILING DINGHIES (TOPAZ / GP14)

1 Introduction

The main purpose of club-owned sailing dinghies (Topaz and GP14) is that they are to be used for training and events organised by the club. Outside of these times, and at the discretion of the committee, the dinghies may be released for use by eligible club members (subject to the terms and conditions set out below).

2 Club Topaz

A club Topaz may be made available for per session rental, at a nominal fee to be set by the committee. Bookings must be made on the Corsizio online platform only, by an adult member or a parent of a junior member who accepts the terms and conditions of the rental. Boats will only be released to adult members with competent sailing skills, or junior members who have successfully completed the Advanced Boat Handling level of the Irish Sailing Small Boat Sailing Scheme (SBSS). Making an online booking requires acceptance of the terms and conditions of booking specified in this document.

3 Club GP14

A club GP14 may be made available for *seasonal lease only* to adult club members with competent sailing skills. The cost of the lease will be set out by the committee. First refusal will be given to recent adult course participants, after which if leases have not been taken up, they can be offered to other club members. Further terms and conditions pertaining to the GP14 lease are set out in the lease agreement document.

4 Responsible Committee Member(s)

The committee will assign lead responsibility for club boat management to at least one committee member. The designated committee member will have the following duties:

- Facilitate use of club boats by members in accordance with agreed club policy.
 - This includes ensuring that per-session booking is available via the club website in accordance with club policy.
- Maintenance and repair of club boats (Topazs, GP14s).
- Receive reports of incidents or breakages involving club boats. Arrange for prompt repair and/or replacement of parts, especially where boats are needed for the

provision of courses (adult course, junior course, Cara Na Mara, instructor courses, instructor pre-entry assessment).

- Ensure club boats are stored securely and appropriately outside of sailing season.

The responsibility may be shared amongst multiple committee members, but the division of responsibilities should be clear. Other committee and non-committee club members are expected to support the designated committee member and to contribute to club boat maintenance and/or repair on request or when a need is apparent.

5 Terms & Conditions of Rental

The terms and conditions below apply to per-session rental, and to seasonal lease.

1. **Insurance:** MSC will take out and maintain a standard small sailing craft insurance policy covering accidental damage up to the estimated value of the boat and third party liability to a limit of €5,000,000 for any one claim.

1. **It is hereby accepted and agreed between the Club and the User:**

- I. It is a condition precedent to the use of the dinghy that the user is a paid-up member of the Club and agrees to be bound by the Rules of the Club and is familiar with and will abide by the Rules of Sailing when using the dinghy.
- II. The user is responsible for checking and confirming that at the beginning of the rental, the dinghy, including hull, mast, spars, sails, dagger board, rudder and tiller and all cleats, blocks, pulleys, halyards, sheets, shrouds and ancillary equipment are in good serviceable order and repair. Any deficiency should be brought to the attention of one of the following committee members:
 - a. The Committee Member In Charge
 - b. The Club Commodore
 - c. The Club Fleet Captain

If none of these committee members are present/available at the time of rigging, the member may ask another adult club member (not sailing with the user) to confirm and witness any deficiency in the condition of the dinghy.

- III. At the end of the rental, the user will report without delay any damage/fault with the dinghy which may require attention and will accept that any such damage occurred during his/her use of the dinghy. Such a report should be made to
 - a. The Committee Member In Charge
 - b. The Club Commodore
 - c. The Club Fleet Captain

If the dinghy is being returned in the same good condition in which it was issued, the user is recommended to ask one of these committee members at the time of derigging to confirm the good condition of the dinghy. This avoids any risk to the user that any damage discovered later is mistakenly attributed to the user. If none of these committee members are present/available at the time of derigging, the member may ask another adult club member (not sailing with the user) to confirm the good condition of the dinghy.

- IV. In the event of any loss or damage beyond normal wear and tear or any injury which is covered by the dinghy insurance, the user agrees to be responsible for and re-imburse the Club on demand for the costs incurred in repairing, replacing or making good any damage to the dinghy or satisfying any third party

claim against the Club, subject to an overall maximum of **€200 (Topaz) or €100 (GP14)**, being the excess on the Club insurance policy for the dinghy.

- V. The Club accepts no liability of any kind, howsoever arising, in respect of any personal injury, loss or damage to the user arising either directly or indirectly from his/her use of the dinghy and it is recommended that the user effect and maintain his/her own personal accident insurance.
- VI. In the event of any dispute or disagreement arising in regard to access by a member to this facility, the interpretation of the Club policy and/or this agreement and/or the damage to a dinghy following a period of use, the matter will be referred to an *ad hoc* adjudication committee comprising of the Commodore and another member nominated by the Commodore who will consider the dispute and whose decision on the matter shall be final.
- VII. The dinghy will only be sailed on official club sailing days (Wednesday Evening and Sunday Afternoon) during times when Club Rescue Cover is on the water. The Officer Of the Day will have complete discretion whether to allow boats on the water subject to weather conditions prevailing. In addition, the dinghy may be sailed during other specially organised club events from time to time subject to the same conditions above.