

Approved Motor Boat Users Responsibilities

Reminder Handout - March 2019

In the interests of safety and the enjoyment of all aboard, the Approved User is reminded of their responsibilities when taking one of the club boats out for personal use.

- The Approved User has sole responsibility for the safety of the vessel and all aboard and may be personally liable in event of any personal injuries caused while using the boat.
- Buoyancy aids/life jackets must be worn by all onboard AT ALL TIMES.
- A kill cord must be worn by 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. This includes children.
- The Approved User is 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.
- The Approved User is responsible for the collection of the keys and boat safety equipment cannister, paddles, boat hook etc which MUST be carried on the boat. This equipment can be collected from the storage location (see below) and must be returned at the end of the session.
- The Approved User is responsible for replacing any parts of the boat lost or damaged, including the key and must notify 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
- The boat must be returned to its mooring in a clean and tidy state and locked using the securing wire and padlock if fitted.
- The Motor Boat Condition Report Form must be completed and handed to the bar staff when returning the boat keys. Defects and breakages must be reported.
- You can contact the Bosun on Mobile: 07747 655329 should you require any help or advice
- No claim can be made against the Dartmouth Yacht Club in regard to the boat's use or users.

NB

Doris's equipment is located in the cage at the back of the Club. The Bar Staff will issue the boat key on production of the Approved Motor Boat User Card. Doris is usually berthed outside the club on the DHNA Yacht Club Pontoon during the season.

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 on production of the Approved Motor Boat User Card. Sarah is usually located on the DHNA Low Water Pontoon DB39.

Failure to comply with any of the above may result in permission to use the motor boats being withdrawn