

## Sidmouth Sailing Club - Kayak Storage Policy v2.1/2014

### Kayak Storage Policy

Sidmouth Sailing Club is a primarily a dinghy racing club with the aim of supporting family orientated sailing. In recent years an increasing number of members have asked to store kayaks at the club in order to easily access the sea and save the effort of transporting the kayak to the sea front each time they wish to use it. In response to the increasing demand for kayak places the club made a significant investment during the autumn of 2014, in a totally new kayak storage facility.

The new storage rack, which has been designed to best utilise the space available, can store 36 kayaks on 3 levels. Each of the kayak bays are numbered and only the kayak allocated to that space can be stored there. The policy is intended to ensure that the limited spaces available are allocated fairly to those members who regularly use their kayaks in the vicinity of the sailing club.

#### Kayak

#### Allocation and Storage Policy

- Those sailing club members who stored kayaks prior to autumn 2014 will have priority when the new spaces are allocated;
- The next group allocated places will be existing sailing club members who put significant personal effort into the preparation and building of the new kayak rack;
- The third group will be those on the kayak rack waiting list;
- When all the places have been allocated a waiting list will be maintained by the Membership Secretary and allocated when spaces become available;
- Only members of Sidmouth Sailing Club will be able to have their interest included on the waiting list;
- No individual member will be eligible to store more than one kayak at the sailing club;
- Family membership will entitle the family group to no more than two kayak storage places;
- No kayak will measure more than 4.25m in length and 0.90m in width
- No kayaks will be stored in the boat park other than in the designated kayak rack;
- Kayaks will be stored and used at the owners risk – the club will not be held responsible for any loss, damage or theft;
- The Sailing Committee reserve the right to require the Kayak owner provide proof of insurance with 7 days of a request to do so;
- Anyone who stores a kayak outside the rack will be required to remove the said kayak and will lose their entitlement to a place on the rack or a place on the waiting list;
- Use of the kayaks should, in normal circumstances, be by members of the sailing club and the usage of the facility (for the purpose of the annual review) will be measured on the basis of the usage by the member to whom the space is allocated.

#### Application Process

If you are a member of Sidmouth Sailing Club and do not currently have a space on the Sidmouth Sailing Club kayak rack you will need to email your interest in a kayak place to [sailingsecretary@sidmouthsailing.org.uk](mailto:sailingsecretary@sidmouthsailing.org.uk) who will pass the details onto the Membership Secretary who will maintain the waiting list.

#### Insurance

The owners of kayaks stored at Sidmouth Sailing Club will be required to declare that they hold insurance including at least £2,000,000 public liability, which covers them whilst they are using the boat.

#### Annual Review

The allocated spaces on the rack will be reviewed annually by the Sailing Committee to ensure that those allocated spaces are being used regularly. If it is considered that a kayak or kayaks are not being utilised, then the owner will be asked to justify the continued allocation of that space. If the Sailing Committee are not satisfied that the kayak(s) is/are in regular use, then the space(s) will be re-allocated to the person(s) at the top of the waiting list.

#### Policy Review