



Keuka Yacht Club Boat Use Policy

Qualifications:

1. Skipper (and crew) must be able to swim and must wear a life jacket at all times that the boat is on the water.
2. Skipper (and crew) must have sufficient experience to be able to handle the boat on all points of sail and in the weather conditions to be expected during the time of use.
3. Skipper (and crew) must be physically capable and know how to bring the boat upright after capsizing.
4. Skipper (and crew) must know to keep an eye on the weather and know the steps to take when caught in a thunderstorm (head for the nearest shore, stay with the boat if capsized, etc.).
5. Skippers under 16 years of age must be supervised by an adult sailor or have completed one or more years of the KYC or other Junior Sailing School. Skippers over 16 must have acknowledged experience and maturity in boat handling skills to be eligible. Examples of quantifiable experience include Racing/Cruising Fleet participation, KYC Sailing School (or equivalent) experience, or acknowledge certified boating course completion – “America’s Boating Course”. FJ’s are not available to Skippers under 12 years of age or under 100 lbs. weight.
6. Interested parties must complete an application for participation and submit it and supporting signatures and document to the Board for review and approval.
7. Skippers must be Boating Members via Family, Single, Student memberships, or who have successfully completed a Junior Sailing School session.
8. Skippers must be able to launch and retrieve boats via hoist or ramp as applicable.

Check Out/In:

1. Skippers are responsible for pre-boat inspection, launch, and pull-out of boats.
2. Boats must be returned in the same working condition and physical locations as they were released.
3. Skippers are responsible for identifying any damage to the boats that may have occurred upon inspection and/or while in use to the Club Steward.
4. Boat Check-Out and Check-In is to be completed by signed ledger held by Club Steward during normal Club operating hours.
5. Check-Out Skippers must at all times accompany and are responsible for crew.
6. A **Boat Use Card** will be issued to participating skippers and must be redeemed to Club Steward upon boat Check-Out. This will serve to validate service participation.
7. Specific boat number and associated equipment will be assigned at Check-Out.
8. Boat and equipment assignments are made on a first come basis.
9. In the case of an FJ:
 - a. A key may be issued upon Check-Out for a specific boat
 - b. Boats require 2 man crew minimum

10. Process:

Check-Out

1. Present Boat Use Card to Club Steward
2. Select boat from Check-Out Board
3. Sign and date Check-Out/In Ledger
4. Appropriate instructions and equipment issued
 - Boat number
 - Boat key (FJ Check-Out)

Check-In

1. Return issued equipment
2. Communicate issues and or maintenance needs
3. Complete Check-Out/In Ledger
4. Redeem Boat Use Card

Service Charge:

1. Upon approval, there will not be a service charge for use as of 2011
2. Service charges are subject to change annually.

Boat Logistics:

1. Skipper is responsible for all equipment pertaining to the boat (spars, sails, rudder, dagger board, etc.) and must launch the boat and then return the boat and equipment as follows:

Boat:

Sunfish

- If launching from the beach, place one of the rectangular PVC launching platforms on the beach and then launch and retrieve the boat from the platform in order to protect the hull from scratches.
- When pulling a boat out, drain the hull before placing it on a dolly or trailer.
- If storing the boat on one of the racks, turn the boat over if possible.
- If storing the boat on a dolly or trailer, make sure that the cockpit drain plug is open.
- If the boat has an inspection port and is being stored upside down, open the inspection port and keep the port cover with the boat.

FJ

- Boats must be unlocked before launch.
- Boats are to be launched via the Lightning hoist (hoist next to launch ramp) or by ramp (be conscience of slickness of ramp near water's edge)
- Serialized boat equipment should be retrieved and returned to appropriate storage locations.
- If launch by hoist, launch bridals should stay on land such to avoid loss during potential capsize.
- Upon haul out, boats should be drained of water and extra weight that could overload the hoist and dollies.
- Boat hulls should be stored on dollies in their predefined locations.
- Cockpit drain plugs should be left opened while on land.
- Boats should be relocked upon return.

Sails: Allow sails to dry before putting away. If this is not possible (raining out, etc.), roll sails loosely in order to minimize potential for mildew forming.

FJ

- Rolled main sails and jibs will stay on the boats and must have boat covers reapplied.

Rudder/Dagger board: When launching and landing try to keep the rudder and dagger board/centerboards from scraping the bottom.

Sunfish

- Return the rudder and dagger board to the back room of the Moldee.
- Place the rudder and dagger board in the racks if there is room or in the pockets along the wall if there is no room.

FJ

- Rudder and centerboards stay on the boats.

Lifejackets: If KYC lifejackets were used, return them to the back room of the Moldee and hang them on the line provided.

Liability:

1. Boat use is limited to Club membership uniquely and is particular to both skipper and crew.
2. Skippers may be held responsible for reparations if damage or loss is in excess of typical wear and tear.
3. Abuse of privileges will be documented, reviewed by the Board, and may result in revocation of sailing privileges.

Sail Area:

1. There must be at least one person on shore who knows that the boat is out on the lake and knows in which areas of the lake the skipper will be sailing.
2. Boats must be sailed within line of sight of the KYC facility.

General:

1. Not all boats will be available for use all the time. Regular maintenance is to be expected and will take boats and equipment out of rotation periodically.
2. The boats will not be available during Junior Sailing classes.