

Tayside Sea Kayaking Club

Boat and Equipment Hire

Conditions of Hire (2025)

Boats are available to hire from the club for new members and for those members who do not have their own boat.

- The club boat hire (payment) form can be found on this website and normally on the Event details in Spond. To be filled out AFTER you've used the kayak.
- For non-club trips, hire for the day or weekend should be arranged with the Equipment Officer.
- Hire for Club Trips should be arranged with the trip organiser.
- Hire of boats is at the discretion of the Committee, boat hirers must have the training and experience to enable them to complete the planned trips safely. The committee reserve the right to refuse hire.
- Less experienced users must follow direction from trip leaders so that their own and others safety is not put at risk. Do not do anything that will damage the equipment you have hired, you will be asked to pay for it.
- Treat the Kit as you would your own – Remember, the old adage:
If you look after the kit, the kit will look after you.
Your safety, or the safety of others may depend on it one day.

Hire Charges Per Person for Kayaks and associated equipment (Paddle, Spraydeck, Cag etc.)

- Evening Session £5
- Day £10
- Weekend £20

Care of Kit

On Hiring:

Check over the equipment and make sure that it is complete and in working order.

Finding out that there's a problem when you are out on the water is not the time. If there is anything wrong with the equipment when you are hiring it, inform the Equipment Officer or the trip leader, they will judge as to whether the problem is minor or not, and whether it will affect your trip.

Returning Kit to the Boathouse

Please Follow the Following Procedure:

- Return the kit timeously – someone else’s trip could be ruined if they are waiting for you to return kit they need.
- Rinse and clean all the kit you have hired – Saltwater is damaging to equipment, so make sure that it is thoroughly hosed down.
- Kayaks – make sure that the kayak is completely empty, check the cockpit and inside the hatches – we don’t want to find your half eaten sandwiches in a couple of months!
Hose down the outside of the kayak, then the inside of the cockpit and the inside of the hatches. Pump these out and finish off with a sponge, getting as much water, sand etc out as possible.
- Return the kayak to the rack, hatches open and either placed inside the hatch opening or in the cockpit. This ensures rubber hatches retain their elasticity, helps the hatch space dry out and prevents the build up of mould and nasty smells.
- Make sure the pump and towing kit are attached or in the cockpit. Hang the Spraydeck over the stern
- All clothing – spray-tops, wetsuits etc, must be rinsed and hung up to dry.

Finally – If any equipment was not working, or was damaged during the course of the hire, advise the trip organiser or the Equipment Officer as soon as possible so that repairs/replacements can be arranged.

If you fail to abide by these terms and conditions, we will hunt you down!

(Well, at the very least we won’t be best pleased!)