

USE OF TSSC CLUB BOATS WHILST COVID - 19 RESTRICTIONS ARE IN PLACE. EFFECTIVE - 1st July 2020

This update covers use of TSSC's club boats which are: 4 Fusions, 4 Toppers. 2 Lasers (with Radial rigs only)

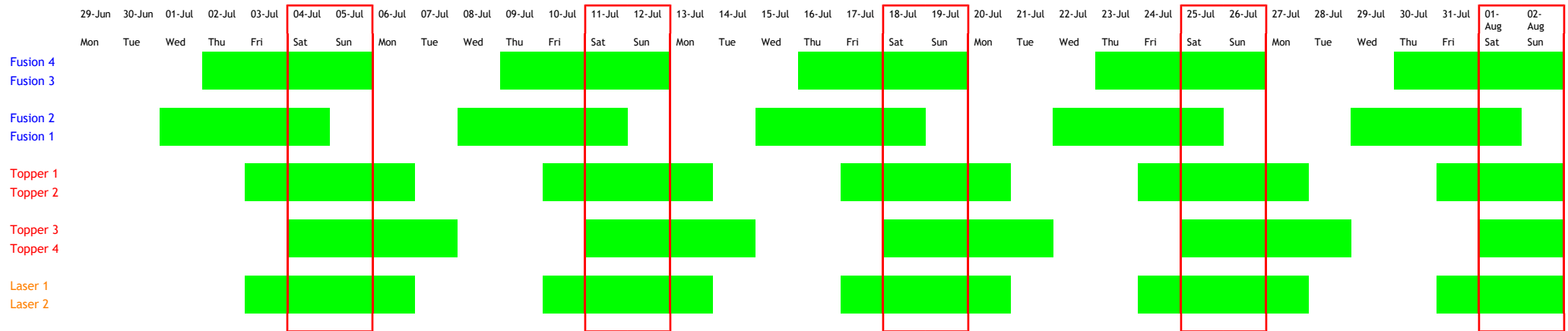
The TSSC Committee is pleased to announce that the use of Club boats is being brought forward into Phase 1 of the re-opening plan for the club on a trial basis, making Club Boats (Sailing Dinghies) available to members on a free of charge loan basis..

Members can book exclusive use of a club boat for a period of 4 days using the online booking system. **The usual honesty box loan charges have been waived during this period.** The start Day for each loan period has been staggered throughout the week so that all loans cover at least 1 weekend day as shown below:

Weds - Sat x 2 Fusions **Thur - Sun 2 x Fusions** **Fri - Mon 2 x Toppers** **Sat - Tues 2 x Toppers** **Fri - Mon 2 x Lasers**

When a booking finishes the boat will not be available again for a minimum of three days to reduce the risk of virus transmission to the next user and to ensure any possible contamination has dissipated. Loan periods are marked in green below.

Loan start days/periods



The boat, spars, sails and equipment should not be removed from the Sailing Club.

The booking reservation is for a specific boat identifiable by its:

- Berth number
- Hull number
- Sail number

Please do not use any other boat, or mix equipment, including launching trollies, between boats. The boat number reserved will be marked on your ticket.

Access to Robinson building for boat sails.

On booking the user will be provided with a code for a keysafe box, located outside the Robinson Building, this will contain the key to the padlock to give access to the Robinson building. (The other door key is not in use at the moment).

Please sanitise your hands and disinfect all touch points before entering and leaving the Robinson Building. Members must wear masks when in the buildings even if no one else is there, to reduce the possibility of surface contamination.

The key to the berth for the boat you have reserved (marked on your ticket) will be hanging on the numbered mast/sail for that boat. Please return it here after use as shown in Figs 1 & 2. The boat, spars, sails and equipment should not be removed from the Sailing Club.

- Please leave the sails for the Fusions furlled on the mast when sailing has finished.
- Topper sails (Red & White) will also be furlled on the mast for easy assembly Fig 2.
- Laser Mast tops and Sails are located on the shelf opposite the Robinson Building Door Fig 3.

The Laser sails are rolled around the top section of the masts and are not furlled, but rolled from the head to the foot of the sail around the mast. The sail is rolled loosely taking the leach (back) of the sail as a guide when rolling so that the battens, lay along mast, to avoid damaged to the battens. Adopting this method of storage, allows the battens to remain stored with the sail.

The Laser XP also has a Clew Strap Fig 4, which can easily be lost. Please replace or report immediately.

The Keys for the XP Laser are located on the Clew of the sail. The Key fob shows the location and hull number of the craft. Fig 4

Do not touch anything in the Robinson building other than the equipment for your booked boat.

Members are encouraged to use their own bouyancy aids, however if you use a club buoyancy aid then please take this home with you each day for the period of your loan and do not leave it in the Robinson Building until your booking is finished. Please then hang it with the mast/sail for your boat so that it can be included within the 3 day disinfection period as shown in Fig 5.

NB The boat booking is for reserving the use of a boat only....You must still book your sailing slot on line.

We have now increased the number of available sailing slots, by introducing 3 timed sessions on each day and weekend days as follows:

Early Bird Sail from 06:00 - 13:00

Midday Breezer from 13:00 - 17:00

Sunset Sail from 17:00 - 21:00

We hope this will allow all members to get back on the water. But please remember to only sail when the weather conditions are within your abilities and below the upper limit of wind strength of 20mph, as there will be no safety boat cover.

Check the TSSC website weather App if in doubt. <https://www.thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk/facebook.htm#Weather>

Good sailing !

