

Who Can Hire Equipment?

Club boats are available for hire by club members and for club events/courses; they are not to be hired out commercially.

At the committee's discretion, they may occasionally be made available for non-club use, but only by prior agreement of the committee.

General Limitations

- River - no club boats are to be used on water rated above grade 3;
- Sea - no club boats are to be used in advanced sea conditions (i.e. force 5 or above, more than 3 miles off-shore or between islands);
- Surf - no club boats are to be used on surf over 3 foot (sea and surf kayaks).

Equipment Hire for Club Activities

Club trips will have priority for all equipment.

Equipment Hire for Non-Club Activities

The minimum required standard to hire boats is 1 Star, plus 4 completed club trips. Qualification and experience should be of a recent nature (within last 5 years). All group and trip details must be fixed and given to the volunteer hirer when a booking is made. The group size should normally be not less than 3 paddlers (negotiable in some circumstances).

Experienced club paddlers with no formal star qualifications can hire equipment provided they are known to be, or prove that they are, proficient for the grade of water proposed and/or expected conditions. Members falling into this category should ensure that they have the support of a club coach, who can vouch for their ability, before making a booking. It is up to hirers, in conjunction with trip leaders, to determine if the proposed trip is suited to their abilities.

As a guide for non-club activities

	One/two star user	More experienced paddlers
Sea	Lochs and sheltered flat water	Short coastal trips in calm conditions
River	Lochs and flat sheltered water	Rivers up to grade 2
Open boat	Lochs and flat sheltered water	Loch and flat sheltered water, river up to grade 1

Please keep your trips within your skill level!

Any Questions or Queries?

If you are unsure about any of the guidelines or what they mean for you, then please contact secretary@invernesscc.org.uk for advice.