

Is your boat ready for this Sailing School

Any boat, which is not considered safe by a Helper or Instructor, will not be allowed out on the water. We do not have a supply of spares; none should be needed if the boat is checked correctly. It is not the responsibility of the Instructors to make sure your boat is safe. If you need assistance with this contact The Principal and I will try to help you.

Things to check:-

- Sail is in good repair.
- Hull is clean and in good repair.
- All ropes run through the blocks EASILY.
- All blocks are secured to the correct position. Wrap insulating tape round the securing point to stop it coming undone at a critical time.
- Painter (rope at front of boat for towing) should be at least 3m and of floating line. If you intend doing open events etc, check with class rules and abide by them rather than purchase 2 pieces of rope. If the painter is short your boat is very likely to get damaged when towing and the boat in front will also suffer.
- Make sure any bungs fit correctly to stop water getting in. Use plumbers PVA tape to get a good seal.
- Tiller extension joint – these are prone to much wear – therefore need replacing.
- Rudder fittings on hull and rudder are tightly secured.
- Centreboard fits the boat and can be easily raised and lowered. Correct fitting bungie (elastic) on the front of the board can help with retaining the board in the up position.
- For Opi's make sure you have enough of the correct sail ties, and spares.
Also check out the MOT for opis.
- Trolleys are safe and tyres are correct pressure and move easily.
- **IDENTITY ALL PARTS WITH PERMANENT MARKER WITH BOAT NUMBER OR BOAT NAME OR YOUR NAME**