

23-24 Southampton University Sailing Club Damage Policy

This policy outlines how damages and other incidents are paid for at SUSC and who is responsible to cover the costs of repairs. A one strike system is in place whereby each individual member has a single strike where the responsible party can ask SUSC to contribute to the cost. This policy applies to all disciplines of sailing and the single strike can be used for any discipline.

In the 1st incident where damage occurs, those responsible can choose to either pay the full cost (up to the insurance excess) or use their strike whereby the club will pay up to half of this cost, whichever is lower. This is up to the discretion of the SUSC committee and is up to a maximum value of £200.

The division of cost between responsible parties can be decided amongst them. In any instance of dispute as to who was at fault, the cost is split equally between the parties involved. We may also invoke the committee to decide who was at fault. All responsible parties will lose a strike.

Any incidents that occur after this 1st incident, the responsible party will cover the entire damage cost up to the insurance excess.

Strikes are applicable for the following incidents:

- Damages incurred at SUSC events
- Damages incurred during training for any of the disciplines at SUSC
- RS200s and other boats not being returned to their normal storage location on the agreed upon day unless previously agreed with Paul/Jack from the University and the SUSC committee.

If the club is deemed to not be in a financial situation to help with repair costs, it is up to those responsible to fully fund the repair costs. If the committee deem the incident to be intentional or due to negligence, then those responsible of the damage may pay the repair costs in full.

If an individual is deemed to disrespect the equipment by repeatedly causing damage or sailing in a dangerous manner, the SUSC committee may revoke the individual's membership for the year.

This policy runs throughout the time an individual spends at university. If someone uses their 1st strike in the 1st year, and causes damage again in their second year, then the repair costs will not be assisted by the club.

This policy needs to be signed by all members of SUSC who want to use the club owned boats, the University owned RS200s/yacht and boats chartered for events for training purposes in addition to racing. If the agreed cost is not paid within 14 days, then the responsible parties will be barred from all SUSC activities until payment is made.