



**RS200 Fleet racing
Combined operational procedure for Southampton
University Sailing club and Sport and Wellbeing**

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Foreword

This operational procedure is in place for the safe use of the RS200 fleet based at Southampton Sailing club (SSC). The boats were purchased for Southampton University Sailing Club (SUSC) by Sport and Wellbeing (S&W) so the Club could add a new activity to their club. The boats are leased to SUSC for the purpose of club activities and their paid members. This document outlines how the boats are to be used by the Club members for fleet racing but also by sailors in the recreational sailing sessions.

Intended use of the craft

The RS200 fleet was purchased to allow members of SUSC that did not get into a team racing team to train and take part in competitive sailing at the University of Southampton. The boats will be available to club members for training when available and to be taken away to events around the UK. Upon request it may be possible for boats to be taken outside of the UK for events, this will have to be signed off by S&W and SUSC.

The boats will also be used by members in recreational sailing sessions at SSC if they meet the eligibility defined below.

Leadership

The lease for the boats has been signed for by the committee and the project is to be led by the Fleet racing committee position. This role is currently sitting with the Vice Commodore.

Storage and normal operating area

During term time the boats will be stored at SSC on Victoria Road. Out of term time the boats may be brought back to the University Watersports Centre (UWC) to save on space costs or for maintenance requirements.

The boats will live on trolleys at the club, but it is possible to borrow either single or double stack trailers from the University Watersports Centre. These are not part of the lease agreement but may be used with permission.

The normal operating area for the boats will be from SSC, staying outside of the shipping channels. The launching point will be from the SSC slipway, but the boats may wish to operate alongside and with Weston and Netley sailing clubs when racing.

Use of Southampton Sailing Club (SSC)

All those using SSC will need to have read the Normal Operating Procedures we have written for the club. All SUSC members using SSC are subject to SSC rules while using the club. SUSC members need be reminded that SSC have their own procedures and rules that must be always followed while on site.

Restrictions of use

The University and SUSC do not allow the boats to be used in more than an average of 20knts unless it is an event with adequate safety cover in place. If the gusts are high, the Club or S&W may deem it too windy for use and call off the session. Inducted helms are expected to make early calls on changes in weather to avoid any risk. Those using the boats must also be aware of the tidal height at SSC and must consider this when planning their session; attempting to launch or recover at low tide may present a risk of damage to equipment.

Damage to craft

As per the lease agreement between SUSC and S&W all accidental damage will be covered by SUSC. This cost may be passed onto the individuals that were using the craft at that time. This will be decided by the SUSC committee.

Any damage caused to the vessels or damage found at the start of a session before the boat was launched should be reported to the Fleet Racing Captain of SUSC. Damage that is not reported will be apportioned to the parties using the vessels at that time. Where possible photographic evidence should be taken. Apportion of blame will sit with the SUSC committee and can be appealed.

It is agreed that S&W will maintain the boats and cover any damage that has occurred due to wear and tear.

All damage must be reported to S&W and SUSC immediately at the end of sessions to allow sufficient time for repair. There is a QR code link to a form positioned on every boat, this form will allow users to report damage or issues.

If information about boat damage is not passed on it could result in that member being suspended from using the boats.

Use of the craft

To use the craft, you need to have an induction. To request an induction please email vicecommodore.wessex@gmail.com.

If club members of SUSC wish to use the boats, they will need to fill in a [Microsoft Form](#) to enter the details of those that are going to go onto the water. This will then be approved by the Vice-commodore or another member of the committee. This will then allow the Jubilee Sports Centre reception team to give out the keys for the SSC compound.

Please leave at least 12 hours' notice to allow the form request to be approved.

Mast head flotation must be used by those who are not so experienced. This is to be defined by the session lead in conversation with the Vice-Commodore.

All incidents must be reported to Sport and Wellbeing and Southampton University Sailing Club. This includes all near misses. Please email with photo evidence of any incidents.
sportandwellbeing@soton.ac.uk

The boats can be used in these combinations:

- 1 RS200 + experienced crew and a VHF license & mobile phone
- 2 or 3 RS200s + experienced crew and a VHF license (mobile phone in favourable weather)
- 1 RS200 + Crew with Powerboat (mast head flotation when training)
- 2 or 3 RS200s + Crew with Powerboat (mast head flotation when training)

Safety boat use

As the boats are to be used by SUSC members for pleasure there is not a requirement for the use of a safety craft, but it is recommended for training and safety purposes. S&W intend to help purchase a vessel for use by the club, but in the meantime a vessel may be borrowed from S&W upon request.

Those operating the craft will need to hold an RYA Powerboat Level 2 qualification. It is advised that those using the vessel also hold an RYA Safety Boat qualification, a VHF (SRC) license and a 1 day first aid certificate. These additional qualifications are advised by the club and S&W to ensure the best level of safety on the water.

If a powered craft is to be used the person will need to indicate that they need intend to use a powered craft on the Microsoft Form. Any damage must be reported.

It is mandatory that:

- A flotation device must be worn at all times
- A kill cord must be worn at all times
- Speed limits must be adhered to
- Use of shallow drive to not damage the propellor where applicable

Racing the boats

If a member wishes to race a boat away from SSC then this will need to be arranged through the SUSC committee member and booked with S&W. Both parties will require at least a week to organise this. At this point checks will be done on the following areas:

- Experience of the helm and crew

- Requirement of towing, the correct licenses must be in place and a suitably sized vehicle must be always used.
- Requirement to use the racing suit of sails – Have to prove ability
- Deposit put in place to cover the use of the craft while away (£200)
- Loan charter agreement filled in and signed
- Do any modifications need to be made to the Insurance of the craft
- After use, the boat must be returned to SSC (regardless of pickup location) and if applicable, any road base or trailer borrowed must be returned to the University Watersports Centre. If race sails have been borrowed from the University Watersports Centre, these must also be returned.
- All borrowed kit must be returned in a clean condition. The boat must be rigged (mast up) at SSC to allow other members easy use of the boats.

Eligibility to use the craft

The nominated SUSC committee member will need to make a list of members who are eligible to use the craft and in what capacity.

A list will be held by the club of who is eligible, this will also be added to the Gladstone accounts of the members held by Sport and Wellbeing.

During the sessions, the user must have a VHF or carry a mobile phone to be able to communicate with the coastguard.

Useful contacts:

Sport and Wellbeing – 02380592119
 University Security Emergency – 02380592811
 Jubilee Emergency Mobile – 07776171224
 Paul Hopkins - 07770703599

Helm Eligibility	Crew Eligibility	Powerboat Driver
Has had at least a year's racing experience, or have completed 5 races	Has completed an RYA level 2 course or signed off as being competent to that level	Holds an RYA powerboat Level 2
Has had an induction on how to use the boats and SSC – Including keys	Has had an induction on how to use the boats	2 years' experience driving or is a dinghy instructor

Record of being a member of a sailing club or holds an RYA qualification such as Race level or Spinnakers	Can easily right a capsized dinghy	Has had an induction on how to use the boats and SSC – Including keys
Member of Southampton University Sailing Club & S&W	Member of Southampton University Sailing Club & S&W	

Useful Address'

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