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1. General

- 1.1 Mission: RS Sailing (RS) and the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) have partnered together to promote the use of keelboats for pay for play sailing. By offering the use of a fleet of boats, we are hoping that organisations will get the opportunity to “test drive” this concept on their own doorstep with the aim of developing it further, locally.
- 1.2 Boats: RS will provide a fleet of up to six matched RS21’s for approximately three weeks over an agreed period. The boats will be delivered and collected from the venue free of charge.
- 1.3 Event Dates: Boats will be available on the following provisional dates in 2021:
- (a) 1st April – 19th April 2021
 - (b) 22nd April - 10th May 2021
 - (c) 13th May – 31st May 2021
 - (d) 10th June - 28th June 2021
 - (e) 12th August - 30th August 2021
 - (f) 2nd September - 20th September 2021
 - (g) 23rd September - 11th October 2021

1.4 Finance

- (a) The successful organisation is responsible for the berthing, storage and maintenance requirements of the boats for the duration of the period they are on site. The organisation must prepare a budget for use of the boats which details any free activities such as “Try Sailing” and any paid activities where RS will be paid the cost equivalent to the capital investment of the boat for the time period used.

1.5 Bid process

- (a) Bids for the use of the RS 21's shall be via online form by 23.59 31st July 2020.
- (b) RYA and RS will inform clubs if they have been successful in their bid by the 28th August 2020

2. The Role of RS and the RYA after the Bid Process

2.1 Delivery Support

- (a) RS shall deliver the boats on an agreed date.
- (b) RS shall brief one or more representatives of the organisation on the safe preparation and usage of the boats.
- (c) RS will provide one member of staff on site for two days at the start of the period and two days at the end to deliver and prepare and then de-rig and pack up the boats. The host organisation must provide two people on each of the four days to assist with the process.
- (d) RS will provide a spares pack to cover the majority of possible break-downs. The organisation is responsible for ensuring that this is returned at the end of the period complete or ensuring that any spares that are used are paid for.

3. Fees Charged by RS (for all non BKL activities)

3.1 RS will take a fee from any paid activity in line with the following schedule:

- (a) £75/boat/day
- (b) £37.5/boat/half day or less (evening session)
- (c) £0/boat where the activity is solely for the promotion of the sport or RS Sailing and the session is less than two hours.

3.2 Any damage incurred during the use of the boats must be either repaired by someone approved by RS or RS themselves and the person responsible for the damage must pay for the repair work. RS reserve the right to charge for any repair work that has not been notified by the organisation but is deemed to have happened while the boats are in their care.

4. Fees

4.1 Usage Fees: The Host organisation will be responsible for collecting fees for all activities using the boats excluding the British Keelboat League.

4.2 Where an activity has been cancelled and no fee taken, no fee will be due to RS.

5. Venue Requirements

5.1 Event Venue

The venue shall have:

- (a) Suitable secure facilities for storing six, 6.34 Metre keelboats ashore, rig up or down.
- (b) Suitable launching facilities (slipway, crane, travel hoist).
- (c) Storage facilities for sails and other equipment.
- (d) Access to power near the area where the boats would be worked on when ashore.
- (e) One or more persons who will be responsible for looking after the boats and dealing with minor maintenance issues while on site (excluding BKL). Organisations must provide details in the bid.

6. Sailing area

6.1 The Sailing area shall be:

- (a) Close enough to shore to be visible from the operating centre in normal conditions.
- (b) Where the above is not possible, must have suitable rib cover to ensure the safety of the boats when in use.
- (c) Shall have a depth of over 1.5 metres for the majority of the area.
- (d) Where sea state may be rough, a plan shall be presented to show how this can be mitigated.