

Challenger Boat Sailing for Physically Disabled Sailors at Weston SC

Weston SC welcomes physically disabled sailors. There is a wheelchair accessible toilet and wet-room shower. There are 2 dedicated disabled parking spaces. Weston SC welcomes disabled sailors to sail and race alongside everyone else.

Weston SC has 2 Challenger boats on indefinite free loan from the Challenger Class Association. There is no charge to borrow a Challenger to sail and race at Weston SC.

Any Weston member can hire a Challenger boat for the day at no charge.

Day members can also hire a Challenger boat for the day at no charge beyond the Day Sailing fee of £10. Day members are welcome to join the club. After a maximum of 4 x day sails, there is a £40 reduction membership fee and there is no joining fee.

There are 4 Challenger boats in this photo.



The Challenger boat is a trimaran, sometimes described as a Laser on stabilisers and is an exciting boat to sail in a blow! The sailor sits in a cockpit and all controls can be moved by hand whilst seated. The sailor would need to be able to transfer independently as we do not have a hoist. We have a buddy seat available for those who want to be accompanied on their first few sails. Two people are generally needed to launch the Challenger. A wheelchair user would transfer while the boat is on the flat concrete surface at the top of the slipway. A more mobile sailor would climb into the boat at the edge of the water to be launched. The reverse process to be repeated when coming ashore.

If you borrow a Challenger, please note your name in the diary found in the boat. Please also note any defects or repairs needed

Happy Sailing!