

# Dinghy Sailing



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## Introduction

This factsheet looks to give the facts a person would need to know to run Dinghy Sailing for a group of young people, or to do it for themselves if they are a young person. It should be read in conjunction with the factsheet FS120084 Scout Led Activities Index, and Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.

## What is Dinghy Sailing?

The term Dinghy Sailing refers sailing boats which have no built in accommodation or fixed keels, and are not designed to provide stability to the vessel via it's weight. They will have movable centreboards or daggerboards.

## What is a Dinghy Sailing Permit?

The adventurous activity permit scheme is designed to ensure that only people with the relevant skills and experience lead adventurous activities for the young people. Therefore all activities classed as adventurous can only be lead by someone holding the appropriate permit. Additionally young people (under 18) can take part in adventurous activities for themselves with personal activity permits.

A Dinghy Sailing permit is required for all Dinghy Sailing taking place except in class C water. Definitions of water classifications can be found in POR.

## Levels of Permit

Dinghy Sailing permits can be issued for any class of water. Each class of permit can be further restricted (such as through non tidal etc) to end up

with an individual permit to the level of the competence and requirements of any person.

## Types of Permit

There are three types of permit available for Dinghy Sailing. These are:

- **Personal** – Allows a young person (under 18) to take part in Dinghy Sailing with others with a personal Dinghy Sailing permit.
- **Leadership** – Allows the permit holder to lead Dinghy Sailing for a single group.
- **Supervisory** – Allows the permit holder to remotely supervise more than one Dinghy Sailing group.

## Permit Limitations

- **Personal** – If you hold a personal Dinghy Sailing permit you can go sailing with others who hold a personal Dinghy Sailing permit. It does not allow you to go sailing with anyone not holding a Dinghy Sailing permit.
- **Leadership** – If you have permit to lead Dinghy Sailing then you can look after a maximum of six dinghies or nine people (whichever is less) at a time, and need to remain on the water with these dinghies all the time.
- **Supervisory** – If you hold a permit to supervise Dinghy Sailing then you can supervise up to three groups. All supervised groups should be within communication range of the permit holder who will need to be in or have immediate access to a rescue craft. You remain responsible for all the groups you are supervising, but can designate someone with the appropriate skills to be the leader of each group.

## Designations

When supervising other groups the holder of a Dinghy Sailing supervisor permit needs to designate a leader for each group. This designation lasts only for the current activity while the permit holder is supervising.

People designated as group leaders should hold the skills and be responsible enough to control the group safely in the waters that they are in. There is no problem with making young people group leaders if they are up to the role, and it can be used as a useful development tool.

## Useful Links

[FS120084](#) Scout Led Activities Index  
(References relevant Rules and guidance)

[FS120086](#) Commercially Led Activities Index

[FS120100](#) Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme