

# WINTER SAILING 2016-17

Dear Member

The committee have drawn up revised criteria for winter sailing as below:

**Weather:** As with sailing at any time of the year, sailors need to take full responsibility for assessing the weather and their ability to sail safely in it. We all also need to take responsibility for ensuring we have adequate clothing and equipment – if in doubt, please do not go out

## **Sailing with Safety cover and facilities**

**Ribs:** Will be kept on shore and securely locked on trailers. This is required for insurance purposes. Ribs will usually also be stored behind locked gates.

Helm needs to be appropriately skilled and versed in launching and recovering the ribs.

**Fuel costs:** We would ask that a contribution is made towards fuel for winter use of the ribs. This charge can be waived at the discretion of an Officer of the club for larger groups / informal events.

**Club Dinghies:** Toppers remain available. The Wayfarer, F5 and Feva's are winterised and packed down. The Feva's can be used but will need rigging and then at end of sailing, de-rigged and tied down. Normal usage charges apply.

**Sails** will be stored in garage / clubhouse once dry but must be hung to dry in Clubhouse, if used

**Clubhouse:** The clubhouse has been winterised. This means that the water has been turned off and the system drained. The disability toilet is accessible with a self-flush system i.e. a bucket of water from the lake.

**Familiarisation and procedures:** Members who would like to sail with safety cover and clubhouse facilities over the winter are asked to contact the committee ([committee@clywedogsailing.org.uk](mailto:committee@clywedogsailing.org.uk)) and to undertake a run through of procedures re: water / heating etc.

Members wishing to sail will be given each other's emails (with permission) so that they can arrange suitable days. Sailors to notify the committee, by email, when they are sailing so that keyholders can be informed.

## **Sailing without cover or facilities**

As with summer, members are free to sail without safety cover or water supply if they so wish. This clearly carries increased risk compared to having cover.

Committee – January 2017