Our Accessibility Facilities

Hoist and transfer boards



We have a hoist and banana board to help individual's transfers in and out of the boat. If you require a hoist, we have some slings you can use though we recommended you bring your own for comfort.

Showers and changing facilities



We have a wet room downstairs with a shower and shower chair. We also have a hoist and changing table in the shower room which can also be used as a shower bed.

Toilets



We have a disabled toilet downstairs and an upstairs toilet with a handrail.

Lift



We have a lift to access upstairs.

Safe Place



If you require you require a safe place, we can arrange this for you. We would limit the traffic through this room though some wheelchair users may need to pass through the back of the room as this is the accessible route to the changing rooms.

If you find that you need a quiet space on the day please tell a member of staff and we can allocate a room which is available for you.

Bean bags and cushions for comfort



We have an array of cushions and beanbags to support individuals in the boat. These will be out for the Sailability Sessions, though if you have attended a mainstream session, please ask a member of staff or volunteer and we will get them for you.

Buoyancy Aids and Lifejackets



It is compulsory that everyone wears a life preserver when near or on the water.

We appreciate that everyone's needs are different so we have range of life preservers to accommodate everyone.

We have zip-up buoyancy aids so customers do not need to put it over their heads. We have smaller life preservers with neck supports for children or little people. For those with limited movement we have a limited number of life jackets which are easier to get on and off. However, use of these will require an assessment from the instructor.

Our Accessible Boats

Powerboating:



Aiming High



Pioneer

The front of these powerboats drop down, allowing wheelchair users and individuals with mobility limitations to get on and off of these boats easily and safely.

Sailing



Access 303 Dinghy

These boats have a large keel under the boat. This is a big weight which stops the boat from capsizing. You sit in the boat facing forwards and the sail goes over your head. We have a server control where you can steer and pull in the sails using a joystick.



Drascombe Lugger

This boat is very stable and great for taking a group of people out.



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This is the Paralympic single-handed class boat. It cannot capsize though can over. It has a control panel at the front where all the ropes are rigged to.

Steering can be done by a foot pedals or a hand tiller (stick).

Canoeing



Bellboat



Katacanu

These canoes are very stable. They are great for a group to go out in.



Kayak with stabilisers

This kayak has an outrig which act as stabilisers. This is great for people with balance problems.

Rowing



Skull with stabilisers

This rowing boat is called a skull. It is very fast and has stabilisers to help with balance.



Trinity

This is a stable rowing boat which is great for taking a small group of beginners or children out in.