

SAFETY IN BOATS

WARNING

Many accidental drownings occur due to a number of factors including:

- ⊗ lack of a life jacket,
- ⊗ disregard or misjudgement of the conditions,
- ⊗ failure to follow good boating practice,
- ⊗ lack of supervision, especially of the young,
- ⊗ inability to cope once a problem occurs.

LIFE JACKETS

All persons using the South Uist Angling Club's boats are required to **WEAR A LIFE JACKET**

A life jacket is a personal safety device which, when fully inflated, will provide sufficient buoyancy to turn and support even an unconscious person face upwards within five seconds. It will support the person's head, with the mouth and nose well clear of the water. Please note SUAC no longer provide life jackets.

OTHER SAFETY ADVICE

- ⊗ Don't stand up in the boat. It is not only potentially dangerous: it is likely to scare the fish.
- ⊗ Ensure that you take a baler with you in the boat.
- ⊗ Don't under-estimate the elements: if in doubt, don't go out.
- ⊗ Carefully supervise and give good example to the young.
- ⊗ Don't panic if a problem arises: calmly make for the shore.
- ⊗ Report to us any dangerous occurrence or incident.

CHECK BOATS BEFORE USE

Boats are used entirely at the user's risk. The Club accepts no responsibility for any accident or loss arising from the use of a Club boat, nor can the Club guarantee the condition of any boat. Persons using boats should ensure that the boat is in a "seaworthy" condition prior to use. Any shortcomings, or damage, should be reported as soon as possible, to the Chairman, Booking Agent or other Club Officials.

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South Uist Angling Club (SUAC) Information Sheet 2022

Welcome to our Club fishings. Members of SUAC, and Visitors who have purchased valid permits, are entitled to fish all the South Uist Angling Club waters described in this sheet. Visitors, who buy boat permits, may also book and use Club boats.

www.southuistanglingclub.co.uk

PURCHASE OF FISHING AND BOAT PERMITS

Although some hotels and other accommodation providers have a special arrangement with SUAC to sell Permits to their customers, **members of the public** can purchase and obtain permits from any of the following agencies:

Stòras Uibhist, Daliburgh,
HS8 5SS (01878 700101)

MacGillivray's, Balivanich,
HS7 5LA (01870 602525)

Anglers Retreat, Iochdar
HS8 5QY (01870 610325)

Post Office, Daliburgh,
HS8 5SS (01878 700300)

Kilbride Campsite
HS8 5TT (07751 251522)

FISHING PERMIT CHARGES FOR VISITORS

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| Fishing Permit | Bank only | per day | £10.00 |
| Fishing Permit | Bank only | per week | £50.00 |
| Boat Permit (excluding named lochs below) | In addition to Fishing Permit for our smaller boats limited to a maximum of 2 persons | per day | £10.00 |
| North, East & West Olabhat, East Bee, *Druidibeg, Toronish, Bayhead, Clachan, Dun an Cille | Boat including Fishing Permit for up to 2 rods fishing at any one time and a maximum of 3 persons in total | per day | £40.00 |

There is no charge for anyone under 18 years of age, but no boat bookings can be taken unless over 18.

***Loch Druidibeg: DO NOT DISTURB NESTING BIRDS, PARTICULARLY BLACK THROATED DIVERS. DO NOT LAND ON ANY ISLANDS.**

METHODS

Fly-fishing ONLY, except on the Fords (Sea Pools) where spinning and bait fishing are allowed.

SEASONS

Brown Trout
Sea Trout/Salmon

15 March to 30 September
25 February to 31 October

SIZE LIMITS

Brown Trout
Sea Trout (South Uist Angling Club waters)
Sea Trout (South Uist Estate waters)
Salmon

10 ozs
16 ozs. or 13 inches
1 lb. 8 ozs. or 18 inches
No salmon can be kept and any caught must be returned carefully

Your fishing return should be based on these size limits. As a general rule, fish under those limits and salmon smolts, should be carefully returned, but brown trout of a lesser size, taken from a loch with a surfeit of smaller fish, may be kept

SUAC WATERS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS AND PERMIT HOLDERS

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| In Benbecula | All lochs, except Loch Dun Mhurchaidh. |
| North Ford | South Bank only. |
| South Ford | North and South Banks. |
| In South Uist | All lochs, EXCEPT the following: |

Stòras Uibhist Waters available to Members & Visitors ONLY by Arrangement.

| Name of Water | Grid Ref | Name of Water | Grid Ref |
|----------------|----------|---|----------|
| Grogarry | 763395 | Castle | 765372 |
| Stilligarry | 758384 | School House | 764366 |
| Altbrug | 751354 | Roag | 756357 |
| West Ollay | 745324 | Lower Kildonan | 735276 |
| Mid Ollay | 760313 | Fada | 754348 |
| Bornish | 731296 | Bharp | 780210 |
| Upper Bornish | 745295 | Crocabhat | 759227 |
| Upper Kildonan | 735277 | Coragrimsaig | 796224 |
| Mill | 744272 | Stulabhal | 795224 |
| Sgairbh | 731267 | Snigiscleit | 297250 |
| Hallan | 740219 | Please note Stòras Uibhist boats are Grey | |

For fishing enquiries and information on boat locations, please contact **Stòras Uibhist** in person, by phone (☎ 01878 700 101) or by email: (fishing@storasuibhist.com)

SUAC BOAT LOCATIONS (www.southuistanglingclub.co.uk/where-to-fish/)

| No | Name of Water | Grid Ref | Area |
|----|--|----------|---------------|
| 1 | North Olabhat | 806546 | Uachdar |
| 2 | East Olabhat | 802085 | Torlum |
| 3 | West Olabhat | 802508 | Torlum |
| 4 | Langabhat | 845482 | Kilerivagh |
| 5 | East Bee | 783432 | West Gerinish |
| 6 | Duin Mhoir | 778417 | West Gerinish |
| 7 | Caslub | 833418 | Lochcarnan |
| 8 | Druidibeg | 795385 | Drimsdale |
| 9 | A'Phuirt-ruaidh (Fraser's) | 770355 | Howmore |
| 10 | Ceann a'Bhaigh (Bayhead) | 763302 | Locheynort |
| 11 | Wheely Boat (Ceann a'Bhaigh - Bayhead) | 763302 | Locheynort |
| 12 | Toronish | 736307 | Bornish |
| 13 | Chalchain | 756296 | Bornish |
| 14 | Eilean an Staoir | 734263 | Milton |
| 15 | Dun na Cille | 742192 | Kilpheder |

Later in the season SUAC boats may be moved to different locations, please contact **Stòras Uibhist** for up-to-date information. (☎ 01878 700 101) Please note SUAC boats are **Green**.

RETURNS

All members and visitors are **required** to complete the enclosed Fishing Return and return it to the Agent, as soon as possible, but no later than 14 November. These returns are to comply with legal requirements.

BOOKING OF BOATS

If you wish to book a boat, please visit or contact Stòras Uibhist, Oifis Stòras, Daliburgh, South Uist. HS8 5SS (☎ 01878 700 101 or fishing@storasuibhist.com)

Bookings can be made in advance from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. When the Stòras Uibhist office is closed, as on Saturdays and Sunday, boat bookings can be made in advance on Friday.

Anglers will be limited to the advanced booking of one day's boat fishing per loch per week. This will not apply to any bookings made within 48 hours of the proposed boat use.

Club Members must quote their membership number when making a booking.

Similarly, visitors must quote their boat permit number.

Members can contact Stòras Uibhist, (☎01878 700 101) for availability of hill loch boats (free to members). When booking a boat, anglers should be aware that SUAC policy prohibits the occupation of a boat by **more than three persons** at any time.

CARE OF BOATS

After use, please return the boat to the correct location, irrespective of where it may have been found: also, please pull the boat well clear of the water and secure it to the mooring post. (Some lochs may rise or fall significantly as a result of tides or rainfall). Please leave the boat in a clean and tidy condition and store the oars safely and securely under a boat seat.

DAMAGE TO BOATS

Any damage to boats should be reported as soon as possible to Boat Officer Gary Bateman (☎ 07525 050891) or booking agent, Stòras Uibhist. (☎ 01878 700 101) Any damage arising from misuse of the boat, or failure to secure it properly after use, may result in a claim being lodged by the Club against the persons responsible. Each season, a number of our boats are damaged, often extensively, as a result of not being properly secured or pulled high enough out of the water.

JUNIORS

Junior members/visitors (under 18 years of age) may not book boats and must be accompanied (in the boat) by an adult member or permit holder, who will be responsible for their safety and behaviour.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Visitors who present evidence to the Registration Officer that they will be resident in the Uists for 4 weeks or more in a 12-month period from the start of the year, may be granted Associate Membership at an annual cost of £100.

FISHING IN NORTH UIST & STORNOWAY

Permits for trout fishing in North Uist may be obtained from the North Uist Estate and on club waters from the Westford Inn. (☎ 01876 580 653) SUAC hold a reciprocal agreement with Stornoway Angling Association, please contact a club official for further details.