

## 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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## INFORMATION SHEET FOR SEASON 2019

**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.

### 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, MacGillivray's, Balivanich, Anglers Retreat, Ardmore,  
HS8 5SS (☎01878 700101) HS7 5LA (☎01870 602525) HS8 5QY (☎01870 610325)  
Post Office, Daliburgh, Kilbride Campsite  
HS8 5SS (☎01878 700300) HS8 5TT (☎ 07751 251522)

### FISHING PERMIT CHARGES FOR VISITORS

Fishing Permit	Bank only	per day	<b>£8.00</b>
Fishing Permit	Bank only	per week	<b>£40.00</b>
Boat Permit (excluding named lochs below)	<b>In addition</b> to Fishing Permit for our smaller boats limited to a maximum of 2 persons	per day	<b>£10.00</b>

Loch East Bi, *Loch Druidibeg, Dun an Cille, Clachan, West Bi, East & North Olavat.	Boat <b>including</b> Fishing Permit for up to 2 rods fishing at any one time and a maximum of 3 persons in total	per day	<b>£40.00</b>
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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

In Benbecula	All lochs, except Loch Dun Mhurchaidh.
North Ford	South Bank only.
South Ford	North and South Banks.
In South Uist	All lochs, <b>EXCEPT</b> 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
Ali's Loch	768352	Howmore River	755363
Altabrug	751354	Roag	756357
West Ollay	745324	Upper Roag	792353
Mid Ollay	760313	Lower Kildonan	735276
Bornish	731296	Fada	754348
Upper Bornish	745295	Bharp	780210
Upper Kildonan	735277	Crocabhat	759227
Mill	744272	Coragrimsaig	796224
Sgairbh	731267	Stulabhal	795224
Hallan	740219	Snigiscleit	297250

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](mailto:fishing@storasuibhist.com))

### SUAC BOAT LOCATIONS ([www.southuistanglingclub.co.uk/where-to-fish/](http://www.southuistanglingclub.co.uk/where-to-fish/))

No	Boat Location	Grid Ref	Area
1	L East Bi	783432	West Gerinish
2	L West Bi	782430	W Gerinish
3	L Dun na Cille	742192	Kilpheder
4	L Druidibeg	795385	Drimsdale
5	L North Olabhat	806546	Uachdar
6	L East Olabhat	802508	Torlum
7	L an Duin Mhoir	778417	W Gerinish
8	L a Chlachain	756296	Bornish
9	L Langabhat	845482	Kilerivagh
10	Toronish	736307	Bornish
11	L Caslub	833418	Lochcarnan (AR)
12	L A'Phuirt-ruaidh (Fraser's)	770355	Howmore (AR)
13	L Eilean an Staoir	734263	Milton (AR)

AR = Awaiting repair

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 **Stòras Uibhist** boats are **Grey** and SUAC boats are **Green**.

### RETURNS

All members and visitors are **required** to complete the enclosed Fishing Return and return it to the Jim Domm or 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](mailto:fishing@storasuibhist.com)).

Bookings can be made in advance from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm: 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 the 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 £80.

### 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.