

### **Tips for Skippers of F40s for BUSA**

Please read the tips below to help you make the most out of your Racing Charter

- The approach channel to Port Solent is now being dredged. Please keep to the middle of the channel where possible and be careful at Low Water as it is up to 1m shallower than charted depth in places.
- The Spinnaker Pole is a dip pole so make sure you practice and know how to use it
- Please do not stand under the spinnaker pole as doing so may cause serious head injury
- Always stow your pole after racing inboard as leaving the pole outboard can cause damage to other yachts whilst berthing
- Make sure you keep plenty of main-sheet on both sides so you don't find you run out when you broach
- The out haul system is now led back to the cockpit. Please do not over winch it and rip your tack or clew.
- The Spinnaker is a masthead kite and both spinnaker halyards can now be used.
- When you are reaching, the spinnaker pole goes all the way forward. Make sure you control it so it does not bounce against the foil. Please ensure you run the guy through the block attached to the mid-ship cleat.
- Please do not use the large sealed Cat C first Aid Kit unless in an emergency. This should only be opened under the instruction of a doctor. Please use the day first aid kit found port side saloon cupboard.
- Please do not leave the engine idling to charge batteries. Please put on a minimum of 1200 RPM to avoid damaging the engine. Engines may only be run for a maximum of 3 hours to charge batteries and shore power should be used to charge the batteries when available. Excessive fuel use in an attempt to make boats lighter will be charged and is not included in your charter fee and Engine hours will be monitored and fuel levels checked. This event is run as an ISO 20121 Sustainable event. Please do not run your engine after 9pm to avoid nuisance noise.
- The heater exhaust gets very hot. Please do not hang fenders over the starboard side aft as they are prone to popping with the heat.
- We recommend that you store your winch handles below decks after racing and yachts are locked when no one is on board. Any missing inventory will be charged out of your deposit.
- Marking & Taping of the yachts is permitted within the limits of the class rules. However all marking & taping must be fully removed and cleaned off prior to yacht hand back. If it is not removed SunSail have a minimum charge of £50 for removal.

### **DEFECTS & DAMAGES**

Please report any defects, damages & incidents to SunSail on 02392 22 22 77 at the earliest opportunity so we can get you back out on the water as soon as possible.

All calls are recorded. The earlier you report damages/defects the quicker we can get you back out on the water. Damages need to be reported by 5pm to allow SunSail time to get repairs completed in time for racing.

Damages reported after 5pm will not be dealt with until the next morning and we will not guarantee that we will be able to have you out in time for racing.

Please do not report defects/damages to any other SunSail staff as we cannot guarantee that this will be recorded and dealt with.

## **DAMAGES**

**Please contact the Committee Boat as per Class rules. You will also need to report the incident to SunSail on 02392 22 22 77.**

### **What forms should I complete?**

You will need to complete the SunSail incident report form/MAIB report form prior to leaving the base and within 24hrs of the incident. Please hand these into a member of staff at the SunSail Office.

### **What is my Security Deposit for?**

The security deposit is the insurance excess on anyone incident. This is also security against the vessel being returned in a condition other than its condition on the start date. It covers any lifts or divers required to allow SunSail to assess if there is damage (for instance if you have grounded we will require the yacht lifted to check for damage). It also covers damage caused to 3rd party yacht(s) during the charter period irrespective as to who caused such damage.

### **How much of the Security Deposit will be taken and when?**

We will take the full amount of the security deposit after an incident and then inform you in writing which may take up to 14 days. Where damage amounts to less than the security deposit any remaining balance will be returned as soon as we have the final costs or in the case of a dispute when the claim is settled, which may exceed 14 days.

### **What if I don't think it was my fault?**

In the event of a collision between two yachts, ALL security deposits will be withheld, irrespective of the initially perceived costs or blame, until liability is apportioned. It is your responsibility to record all information regarding the incident to aid the case for fault. Agreement on liability should be decided immediately after an incident. It is not SunSail responsibility to intervene in disputes where both parties refuse to accept liability and in such situations both charterers may forfeit their security deposit or part thereof. A signed letter admitting liability must be obtained by the charterer to prove that liability has been agreed. Should the damage be more than £3000 and liability cannot be agreed then we will pass the incident details onto our insurers to decide liability. This process can take time (up to two years) for disputes / liabilities to be resolved in such instances we will keep hold of all security deposits until resolved.

### **When will I know the cost of damages?**

We may not be able to confirm the cost of damage at the end of the charter period until a professional estimate is provided. In such situations the security deposit will be held until the damage amount is confirmed.

### **What if I want to continue my charter after an incident?**

Following an incident a further full security deposit of £3000 is required from all parties before the charter may continue. This applies for each and every separate incident during the charter period.

*Have a fantastic  
event*

*Sunsail Team*