

We manage the affairs of the Access Class Boats in the UK.

We also negotiate at International level with the Access Dinghy Foundation on any matters relating to the Access Class Rules.



We maintain the one-design character of Access boats

ensuring that any permitted developments of the rules and/or equipment take account of a sailor's safety and special needs at all levels of severity, physical, intellectual, emotional or sensory.



The ACA(UK) can offer:

Demonstrations of how to provide safe accessible sailing at your club using the Access range of boats and equipment.

We own two boats, an Access 2.3 one person dinghy and an Access 303 two person dinghy both fitted with full servo controls (kindly donated to us by the Bruce Wake Trust).

We also have the use of an Access Liberty with full servo controls and an Access wheelchair user's transfer dock (H section pontoon with Access hoist).

We are pleased to receive enquiries concerning any aspect of Access sailing in the UK.

We value any offers of support from individuals and organisations that sail Access boats such as:

You organising, with our assistance, a demo of Access sailing in your club/area.

Volunteering to represent your club/area on our committees.

Offers from clubs to host one of our racing events. Sponsorship financially or in kind of any of our activities.

Sharing experiences of individual and/or club success through our website.

We welcome into full membership all people who are:

Sailors, Helpers, Sponsors, Supporters of Access sailing.

(Currently membership is free)

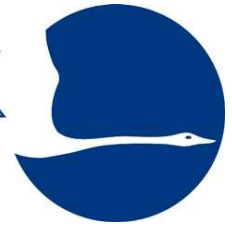
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ACCESS CLASS
ASSOCIATION

UK



The ACA(UK) promotes and develops the interests of the Access Class in the UK

and represents the interest of all owners, sailors and supporters of the Class.

We encourage, support and enable the widest possible range of people including all ages, cultures, emotional status or level of physical or other abilities to become Access Class sailors, helpers and supporters.

We ensure that all activities and events supported by the Association are fully inclusive, in that any Access sailor with special needs, at all degrees of severity, be they physical, intellectual, emotional or sensory are able to participate fully.

The Access range of boats is as follows:

Access 2.3 one person

Access 2.3 two person

Access 303 one person

Access 303 two person

Access Liberty

SKUD 18 (Paralympic class)



We encourage and foster, for all Access Dinghy sailors in the UK,

the enjoyment and fellowship of recreational Access sailing at individual, club and national level covering all sailing activities including cruising, training and racing.



We encourage and promote individuals and groups to enable involvement in Access Class sailing as:

**shore helpers,
buddy sailors,
support boat crews,
race officers,
drivers (for traveller events),
event organisers,
caterers,
administrators,
fundraisers
and committee members.**

We also welcome such people into full membership of the Association.



We promote, co-ordinate and provide the organisational structure for racing Access Class boats in the United Kingdom.

We work hard to ensure that events are accessible to all Access Class sailors.

Each year we promote co-ordinate and support:-

Training activities,

The Access Class National Championship,

A Traveller Series that includes a Team Trophy, and a Northern and Southern Champs mini-series.

Any International Access Class events hosted in the UK.

We also encourage and support UK sailors to take part in Access Class International competitions worldwide.



We oversee the management of the SKUD 18 in the UK

Being a Paralympic class its specialist management is under the direction of an ACA(UK) subsidiary committee called The SKUD CA (UK).

The SKUD 18 is a lead-assisted skiff with an asymmetrical spinnaker and a high performance stayed rig. It is an exciting boat with a full programme of World and Paralympic Competition.

Sailors with disabilities at all degrees of severity and able-bodied sailors enjoy this exciting boat and more severely disabled sailors welcome the opportunity to compete on an equitable level.



Selected in 2005 as the two-person boat for the Paralympics in Beijing, and also for the 2012 Paralympics in Weymouth, the SKUD 18 goes from strength to strength.

