

# St Ives Jumbo Association

## GUIDANCE NOTES FOR SAILING “PETER”’S PUNT” (July 2024)

**Introduction.** “Peter’s Punt” has been generously donated to the Association by Peter Lee who had the vision of a small lug rigged sailing punt for use in and around St Ives Harbour. Following discussion with Jonny Nance about the specification for such a boat, Jonny drew up a set of lines based on the lines of the two St Ives Punts used by the Association but adjusted to improve the sailing performance and reduce the overall length. Peter approved these and the punt was built. Since then two further “St Ives Sailing Punts” have been built and one of these is owned by a Jumbo Association member and is based in the harbour.

**Use.** Use of “Peter’s Punt” is open to all members of the Association who have sufficient experience to sail her safely and have undergone a “familiarisation” session with one of the Association’s Jumbo skippers. Sailing the punt will be restricted, at least initially, to times when either a Jumbo, or the privately owned sailing punt (Maia), is sailing and to within the area bounded by the harbour, and points 150m to the east of Porthminster and Barmaluz Points. The Association will maintain a list of these members.

**Safety.** A lifejacket or buoyancy aid must be worn at all times while sailing and while launching or landing the punt on/off the beach. The member taking the punt out must assure themselves that the boat and all her gear are seaworthy before doing so. It may often be safer to row or scully off the beach and moor up to one of the Jumbos to rig her and vice versa, rather than sail directly off, or onto, the beach. Should the boat fill with water, she will float safely but with very little freeboard so it may not be possible to bale her out. In this event stay with the boat and await rescue.

**Rowing and Sculling.** Two oars are stored in the punt. Only the one with the longer leather should be used for sculling. Thole pins need to be put in place for rowing. These are stored under the stern sole boards in a plastic container. They must be placed back in this container after use to keep them dry (if this is not done they will absorb water, swell up, and no longer fit). There are two rowing positions, the aftermost for when singlehanded or three up, and the forward position when two up.

**Mooring.** The punt is normally kept on the central mooring of the Association’s three running moorings. She should be moored so that she grounds on the flat sand at the outer end of the mooring and so that she cannot come into contact with either of the other punts. When making her fast to the tails on the running mooring, the tails must be left as long as possible so that there is enough slack to tie off the mooring rope at the wall. It is safer to avoid using the outhaul at the top of spring tides when there is no sand on the beach.

**Log.** Every time the punt is taken out, this must be logged with a brief report on the Jumbo Crew WhatsApp Chat and/or Facebook Page. This must include the name(s) of the crew and, in particular, any problems encountered and/or safety issues that may have arisen.

**Contact.** To arrange a “familiarisation” session for using Peter’s Punt, please request this through the Jumbo Crew WhatsApp group.

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