



## Cookie Policy

### What are cookies?

A cookie is a small piece of data that a website asks your browser to store on your computer or mobile device. The cookie allows the website to "remember" your actions or preferences over time. Most browsers support cookies, but users can set their browsers to decline them and can delete them whenever they like.

By continuing to use our website you consent to the use of cookies in accordance with this policy.

### What are the different types of cookies used by this website?

A cookie can be classified by its lifespan and the domain to which it belongs.

By lifespan, a cookie is either a:

- **Session cookie** are temporary cookies which is erased when the user closes the browser *or*
- **Persistent cookie** which remains on the user's computer/device for a pre-defined period of time.

By domain, a cookie is either a:

- **First-party cookies** which are set by the web server of the visited page and share the same domain
- **Third-party cookies** stored by a different domain to the visited page's domain. Eg. Facebook or Twitter

There are four different groups of cookies which we may use:

**Strictly Necessary Cookies** are essential to enable navigation around our website and use its features. Without these, we would be unable to provide you with certain features.

**Functionality Cookies** allow our website to remember choices you have made and helps to provide an enhanced, more personal experience on our website.

**Performance Cookies** gather information about how our site is used, including which pages you visit most often. These cookies are anonymous, which means that they won't collect information which identifies you.

**Advertising Cookies** help us better understand our advertising campaigns and how we can make these more relevant to you. These cookies are also anonymous. They won't collect information which identifies you.

## Cookies which may be used by this website include

Cookie name	Purpose	Persistent or Session	Term of use	1 <sup>st</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> party cookie
BlGipServerTethys	Used to distribute traffic to the website on several servers in order to optimise response times.	Session - Functional	n/a	1 <sup>st</sup> Party Cookie
TS01a0c22a	Used to enhance functionality and personalisation	Session - Functional	n/a	1 <sup>st</sup> Party Cookie
pdb-wp_session	Used to enhance functionality and personalisation	Persistent – Strictly necessary	30 minutes	1 <sup>st</sup> Party Cookie
NID	Google -Registers a unique ID that identifies a returning user's device.	Persistent – Targeting/Advertising	6 months	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Cookie
PHPSESSID	Tide times - Preserves user session state across page requests.	Session – strictly necessary	n/a	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Cookie
Fr	Facebook - used for integration and sharing capabilities for the social media.	Persistent - Functional	3 months	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Cookie
Personalization_id	Twitter – used for integration and sharing capabilities for the social media.	Persistent - Performance	2 years	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Cookie
Lang	Twitter - used for integration and sharing capabilities for the social media.	Session - Performance	n/a	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Cookie
Guest-id	Twitter – identifies the user with unique number	Persistent	2 years	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Cookie
_ga	Google Analytics - Used to distinguish visitors to site	Persistent	12 months	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Cookie
_gid	Google Analytics – counts number of visits to the site	Persistent	24 hour	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Cookie
_utma	Google Analytics - Used to distinguish visitors and pages visited. Records a unique ID, the date and time of first visit, time of current visit and total number of visits made	Persistent	2 yers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Cookie
_utmb	Google Analytics - Used to determine new sessions or visits. Stores the	Persistent	30 minutes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Cookie

	number of page views in current visit and start time of visit			
_utmz	Google Analytics - Used to note that the visit has ended when browser is closed	Session	n/a	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Cookie
_utmt	Google Analytics – used to throttle request rate	Persistent	10 minutes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Cookie
_utmc	Google Analytics - Records the site you may have linked to our page from. Only records data if you clicked on a link to our site from a different website	Persistent	6 months	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Cookie

### Links from our website

Our website may contain links to other websites of interest. Once you have used these links to leave our site, you should note that we do not have any control over the content, the privacy practice or the cookie policy of that other website.

Our website may contain embedded content from third party websites eg Facebook, you should note that we do not have any control over the content, the privacy practice or the cookie policy of that other website.

You should check the relevant third party website(s) for more information.

[www.facebook.com/about/privacy](http://www.facebook.com/about/privacy)

[www.twitter.com/en/privacy](http://www.twitter.com/en/privacy)

[www.tidetimes.org.uk/privacy](http://www.tidetimes.org.uk/privacy)

[www.google.com/privacy](http://www.google.com/privacy)

### How to manage your Cookies

You are in control and can adjust your settings at any time.

Within your browser you can choose whether you wish to accept cookies or not. Different browsers make different controls available to you and so we provide links below to popular manufacturers' instructions on how you can do this. Generally, your browser will offer you the choice to accept, refuse or delete cookies.

These browsers include;

- [Google Chrome](#)
- [Internet Explorer](#)
- [Firefox](#)
- [Safari](#)
- [Safari Mobile](#)

### How to contact us

If you would like to contact us about our cookie policy or usage please email [info@swordssailing.ie](mailto:info@swordssailing.ie)