

Preamble

Altona Yacht Club Inc. makes available for Hire all club owned training boats to Club run sailing course participants and any new members of the Altona Yacht Club. The boats are to be used solely to participate in Club sanctioned events.

Policy Objective

To assist in the transition from training to sailing, Altona Yacht Club will make available the club training boats for hire. The intention of this is to allow Graduates and new members to experience club racing prior to purchasing of their own boat.

Policy Details

- The hire Fees for all Club boats are approved at the Annual AGM for the next sailing season.
- Club training boats will be made available to Adult Graduates of the Altona Yacht Club Sail Training Course for a maximum period of 12 months.
- Use of these boats will be restricted to use in Club sanctioned events.
- Training boats are available to new members on proof of completion of a Yachting Australia accredited Training Course or demonstration of sailing competency to satisfaction of the AYC Committee.
- The use of the training boats for afternoon racing requires the hirer to pay a refundable bond of \$200 to the Club for the duration of the Lease.
- No bond is required for morning sailing trainees.
- All hirers must be a junior, senior, or family member of The Altona Yacht Club.
- After the completion of 12 months hire, it is to be expected that the member would purchase their own boat.
- Additional boat hire following completion of 12 months shall be considered at the AYC Committee's discretion.
- Hire periods for 6 months shall be from 1st October to 31st December and from 1st January to the completion of the season's sailing series.
- Use of the training boats is a privilege. The Club reserves the right to cancel a lease at any time if the boat is being used in an inappropriate manner and will also forfeit the bond paid.

Responsibilities

- Allocation of all Club owned boats will be the responsibility of the Training Group.
- The hirer of a club boat is responsible for washing down the boat, boat fittings and spars & boat trolley with fresh water after each use.
- The hirer of a club boat is responsible for making sure the sails are dry and correctly rolled or folded, as per standard practice for the sail, after each use.
- The hirer is responsible for immediately reporting any damage to, or maintenance requirements for the club boat they have hired to the training group.
- The Training Group will be responsible in deciding whether a Bond paid for the hire of a boat is fully or partially refunded.
- In event of damage to the boat which requires a claim on Insurance, the hirer will be required to pay the Insurance Policy excess of \$500 for that Claim.
- Confirmation of a lease for Members is only complete when payment in full is received by the Club Treasurer or Secretary.

Approved by the Committee of the Altona Yacht Club Inc at meeting held 12/12/2023