



MANLY 16FT SKIFF GROUP

POLICY DOCUMENT

SUPPORT BOATS

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Applicability

All sailors and volunteers involved with sailing at Manly 16ft Skiff Group clubs, Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club and St George Sailing Club ("the Club"). This policy does not cater for issues of a non-sailing nature.

Overview

The Club owns a number of support/rescue boats. The primary purpose of these boats is for the support of Club events, coaching and other events, as authorised. Access carries the understanding that the operators will comply with all Club directives on use.

Assessment of competence/ safety

Anyone requesting the use of the Club's support boats is required first to be approved by the Club's Boat Captain after being accredited by the Club's appointed support boat instructors and have attended the Club's in house safety boat operator's course (SBO).

This assessment will be made from either their knowledge of the person or from an on-water assessment or other appropriate method. All approved drivers must be a member of the Club and present their current Transport for NSW boat driver's licence or equivalent to the Boat Captain, along with proof of attendance at the SBO Course before boat usage will be permitted and ensure that these are copied and stored within the Club's files. It is the responsibility of the person listed as the skipper to assure him/herself that the boat is seaworthy and in working order.

ALL SUPPORT BOAT OPERATORS MUST BE A CURRENT FINANCIAL CLUB MEMBER

Conditions

- Club boats are only to be used for Club sanctioned events.
- Written request to use the boats outside of sanctioned Club events must be made to the Boat Captain. Approval may be granted after consultation with the Sailing Committee.
- The boats are only to be taken out by appropriately licensed approved drivers as approved by this or any other Policy, By-Law or rule of the Club.
- It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure the boat complies with Transport for NSW minimum safety requirements. If the boat does not comply it is not to be used and the non-compliance issue should be reported to the Boat Captain immediately.
- It is essential that a rescue boat has a minimum of two (2) adult persons on board and a maximum of three (3) persons for high-speed boats if being used for race support work. It is unsafe to attempt any form of rescue with only one (1) person on board.
- One crew member is to hold a Senior First Aid Certificate. It is recommended that, where possible, more than one person onboard also holds a Certificate.

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- One person on board must hold a Marine Radio Operators VHF Certificate of Proficiency (MROVCP) issued by the Office of Maritime Communications.
- Deckhands and drivers should be fully conversant with ropework, towing, anchoring and general boating skills before they attempt to use the Club's support boats.
- The boats are not to be overloaded and are strictly never to be used as spectator boats during Club race days.
- The Club Rescue Boat Logbook must be filled in prior to the boat being used and upon its return.
- The Boat Captain will ensure the completion of the Logbook entries and note any defects relating to the boat.
- The Boat Captain will confirm Rescue Boat Operators for any Club racing or training that may be scheduled for the Junior Division on weekdays and this must be done prior to the racing or training being held.
- At the completion of all race days, operators are not to leave the course area without first logging out with the Starter (PRO). Rescue Boat Operators are to remain on course until such time approval is granted to leave the course area and return to shore.

Off Site Use

The Club may provide an appropriate support boat for our sailors in competitions such as interclub regattas, State and National championships when a boat is available. It is of critical importance that our support boats are used in accordance with their purpose and are subject to restrictions.

- Boats can only be taken to off-site events with the permission of the Boat Captain in consultation with the Sailing Committee. An application must include the event, date and proposed driver's name.
- The boat is to be used at the event as a support boat only and not for any coaching purposes after the warning signal of any race. It is to provide assistance and support to sailors from all clubs that are participating in the event.
- The boat is only to be operated at the event by the approved driver who must be an elected and approved Club Rescue Boat Operator and must hold a Senior First Aid Certification and MROVCP (Radio Operator's certificate) issued by the Office of Maritime Communication.
- The boat is not to leave the course area until every sailor representing the Club at the event has finished the race or is on shore and recorded as a retirement.
- It is the responsibility of the approved operator to ensure that the maintenance and care of the boat whilst off site is up kept (including, washing after each race and refueling)

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and the boat is returned to the Club.

- Any damage or incidents occurring to the boat whilst offsite must immediately be reported to the Boat Captain.

Support Craft

The Club aims to provide all our race management teams support craft designed and suitable for the allocated task. The Club will aim to ensure that an ongoing replacement programme is in place ensuring that the best possible boat is always available to support our sailors.

Maintenance and Consumables

Maintenance of all Club boats and replenishment of fuel and oil is the responsibility of the Boat Captain.

Regular monthly inspections of safety and other equipment required onboard will be carried out by the Boat Captain.

Fleet

The Club currently provides the support boats as listed at "Appendix "A" to this document.

The matrix at Appendix "A" shows the maximum number of persons permitted aboard Club support craft when in rescue boat or official mode. When boats are being used for approved teaching, training or other purposes approved by the Board of Directors, they may carry the number of persons shown on their capacity plates.

When not being used for Club related activities, the support craft are to be moored at their allocated mooring or housed on a trailer in the boatshed located at either the Manly Club or St George Club, unless permission is granted for off-site storage.

Authority

This document has been prepared and approved in accordance with the Club Constitution under the authority of the Board of Directors.

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APPENDIX "A"

| Boat Name | Club | Vessel Description | Capacity | Use |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---|-----------------|--|
| "Ian Richardson" (AJV788N) | Manly | 5m open RIB with outboard | 3 | High speed general duties and coaching. |
| <i>Small rib</i> (IDD670N) | Manly | 3.1m open RIB with outboard | 3 | High speed general duties and coaching. |
| "George Fitzgerald" (56532N) | Manly | 5.2m aluminium catamaran runabout with outboard | 4 | High speed general duties and coaching. |
| "George Johnston" (JOHNNON) | Manly | 5.8m aluminium runabout with outboard | 4 | High speed general duties. |
| "Matana" (57853) | Manly | 10m GRP cabin cruiser | 6 | Race Committee boat for use in all weather. Complete with race management equipment. Can be used offshore if required. |
| <i>Blue Boat</i> (AHN243N) | St George | 4.8m vinyl plastic open runabout with outboard | 3 | |
| "Billo" (AJW054N) | St George | 4.5m open Highfield RIB with outboard | 3 | |
| "Old Bill Riley" (ZY238N) | St George | 8.4m GRP half cabin cruiser | 6 | |
| "Len Riley" (53803) | St George | 5.3m open Zodiac RIB with outboard | 3 | |