

CCYC Boat Use Policy

The following policy is applicable to those CCYC club members, or other recognized yachting organizations, who wish to use a CCYC committee boat or sailboat for personal uses.

Competency:

1. The club member shall have or demonstrate a minimum level of small boat handling with knowledge of use of outboard motors, if applicable, and safety procedures.
2. The member shall be competent at docking and maneuvering the boat within the confines of the harbor. Competent is defined as the ability to operate the boat in such a manner that no persons or property in the immediate are threatened or damaged by said member's actions.
3. The member shall be required, if requested, to demonstrate these skills to the Rear Commodore or Race Committee before he or she will be allowed to operate the boat without supervision.

Sign-out Procedure:

1. A minimum of 24 hours' notice must be given to sign out a CCYC boat. Within this time frame, the Rear Commodore or Race Committee will inspect the boat to determine any noticeable damage or wear. This process will be repeated within 24 hours after the member has used the boat, with any new damage or wear being noted.
2. The Rear Commodore or Race Committee will keep a detailed record of boat use including member name and day used.
3. The member shall submit a CCYC Boat request to the Rear Commodore before each use of a boat. The information to be filled out will include: member's full name, time of sign out, purpose of use, expected return time and the member's contact number. This request will be kept in the CCYC office.

Member Responsibility:

1. The member shall sign a liability release stating that the CCYC will not be responsible for damage through willful negligence or gross misconduct. The member will also be held liable for damage to other persons or property resulting from any willful negligence or gross misconduct.
2. The member will be responsible for ensuring that the boat is returned in the same condition in which it left. This will exclude any wear to equipment caused by normal use of the boat. The member shall refuel the boat, if applicable.

3. The member shall be responsible for the return of the key to the boat to the Race Committee. Upon return of the key the member will note the status of the boat and report any damage to the boat or equipment that is not functioning properly to the Race Committee.
4. The boat is to be solely used by the Member signing out for the boat and not given to others for their use.

Rear Commodore/Race Committee Responsibility:

1. The Rear Commodore or Race Committee will ensure that the name of the member signing out the boat is written in the sign-out book located in the CCYC office.
2. The Rear Commodore or Race Committee shall determine that the member is qualified to use the boat.
3. The Race Committee shall be responsible for the pre and post use of the boat.
4. The Rear Commodore or Race Committee will ensure that the boat complies with U.S. Coast Guard Safety Regulations and carries all equipment necessary to comply with these regulations.

Equipment:

1. Members can expect to have the following equipment provided to them when using the boats:
 - i. Personal Floatation Devices for two (2) adults.
 - ii. A VHF radio, if committee boat.
 - iii. A full tank of fuel, if committee boat.
 - iv. All necessary safety equipment to comply with U.S. Coast Guard Regulations for a boat of less than 30 feet.
 - vi. Sails as required for sailboat requested.

Limitations of Use:

1. The boat may not be used in fog, small craft advisory conditions or any other condition that would put the boat or crew in unnecessary risk.
2. The boat may not be used for commercial uses, towing or water sport activities, such as water skiing or water boarding.
3. At no time is the boat to be left at any other non-approved mooring location, unattended.

4. Any damage caused to the boat while under the care of the member will be the responsibility of the member. This includes, but is not limited to, damage caused by negligence of the member or any damage resulting from ignoring these guidelines. The member shall pay for any damages, including applicable insurance deductibles.

Release of Liability:

1. All members will be required to read the CCYC Boat Use Policy before being approved to use a boat.
2. All members will be required to sign a release stating that they have read and understand this CCYC Boat Use Policy and release the CCYC from liability for any incidences occurring on or to the boat.
3. The CCYC reminds its members of the risk inherent to the sport of boating. Any member using CCYC boats or equipment recognizes this risk in accordance with the liability release to be signed prior to taking a CCYC boat out of the harbor.
4. The CCYC, Rear Commodore or Race Committee reserve the right to refuse access to boats to any member at any time.

Member Signature

Date

Member Printed Name

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