

SCOUT & GUIDES SAILING

Terms & Conditions



We look forward to welcoming you to the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and taking you sailing with us. We would appreciate if you would read the following terms & conditions to ensure you understand how we operate our Scout & Guides Sailing program.

1. Age Suitability

The Scout & Guides Sailing program offered by NCYC is suitable for participants from 8 to 25 years. We can also accommodate adult leaders as required.

2. Sailing Boats & Equipment

The program is offered in our fleet of six *Force 24* inshore keelboats which will sail with a jib and main sail only. The boats are licenced to carry five people – one Instructor and 4 participants.

A safety support boat, with a licenced driver, will be on-water whilst the keelboats are sailing. Adult Scout & Guides Leaders and/or parents may observe the activities on-water from the support boat. Maximum limit of five adults.

Self-inflating life jackets and/or foam personal flotation devices (PFDs) will be made available to all participants. These will be allocated based on personal stature and authorised weight limits. Life jackets & PFDs must be worn by ALL participants as fitted, at all times whilst on the marina or on the sailing/power boats.

3. Booking Numbers

Bookings are made on a per boat basis and are charged at \$100 per boat. Any additional sailing participants are charged at \$25 per person. Booking numbers must comply with maximum limits as detailed above. Should you have participant numbers above the maximum 24, a second session or rotation option may be available at the discretion of the Sailing Academy Manager.

4. Bookings

All bookings are subject to the availability of our equipment and instructing staff. Bookings can be made by contacting Sailing Academy staff via phone 49408188 or email sailingacademy@ncyc.net.au

5. Dates Available for Booking

Scout & Guides Sailing activities are offered during the Summer months when we have the advantage of Daylight Savings (October to March). The program runs for 1.5 hours, generally within a window of 5:30pm to 7:30pm (subject to sunset times). Bookings are available for Monday and Tuesday nights, other days may be available at the discretion of the Sailing Academy Manager.

6. Block out Dates

Due to other NCYC activities and the restricted availability of equipment, resources, and instructors, block out dates sometimes apply.

7. Confirmations

Bookings are confirmed once a date, time and rostered instructors can be finalised by the NCYC. Final boat numbers are required five days prior to event date at which point the final invoice total will be confirmed.

8. Payments

Payment can be made by EFT, by cash or credit card. Visa and Mastercard are accepted. Cash payment can be made at the event and we will also accept credit card details by phone.

9. Postponements and Cancellations

Booking can be postponed or cancelled if the required 30-hour working day notice is given in writing (email). ie. For a Monday booking the cancellation must be advised by 12:00noon Friday.

10. Inclement or Unsafe Weather

Due to the nature of sailing being an outdoor activity reliant on wind, events may need to be postponed for safety reasons due to inclement or unsafe weather. Safety concerns arise from excess wind and lightning. NCYC determines the suitability of conditions and the possibility of postponement on the day of the event.

11. Participant Registration, Parental Consent & Risk Warning

ALL participants are required to complete *Participant Registration* prior to going on-water. This shall be done online via the *Australian Sailing RevSport* booking system, with the event registration link provided at the time of booking confirmation. Registration includes a Parental Consent and Risk Warning. Participants must make instructors aware of any medical or physical conditions that may affect their participation in sailing as a physical activity.

12. Academy Instructors & Staff

All Sailing Academy instructors are fully qualified with Australian Sailing. They all hold a current first aid certificate and a valid Working With Children clearance. Support Boat drivers hold a current NSW Maritime General Boat Licence.

13. Damage/Cleaning

Any costs for intentional damage, misuse or mistreatment of Club gear, boats and equipment will be payable by the scout group. Intentional inflation of life-jackets not for safety reasons will be charged at \$50.00 per jacket.

14. COVID-19 Considerations

Additional procedures will be in place to comply with the current restrictions and to ensure the health and safety of both participants and instructors. The latest Participant Health & Safety Guidelines are available on the NCYC website - <https://www.ncyc.net.au/sailing-academy-faqs/> Your full co-operation and adherence is appreciated.

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