

RIYCEF Boat Rental Agreement

I _____, member # _____ of Rhode Island Yacht Club hereby agree to rent the Rhodes 19, Boat # _____ from the RIYCEF for _____ hrs on _____, and authorize the RIYCEF to charge my account at the RIYC the appropriate rental fee.

I understand that in renting this Boat, I agree to follow all the requirements of use set forth in the RIYCEF Sailing Rules, and in particular will ensure that all parties on the Boat during the rental period will wear an appropriate personal flotation device. I will ensure that the Ancillary Safety Equipment listed below is on board before proceeding with the sail plan. Furthermore protective clothing appropriate to the sailing conditions and shoes are also my responsibility.

I understand that I may be financially responsible for damage to the Boat resulting from gross negligence or reckless behavior.

I also understand that there are certain risks associated with sailing activities. I agree to assume all risk of harm that may befall me or any party on the Boat during the rental period and I agree to release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless RIYCEF for all claim of personal injuries whatsoever that may be sustained or caused by the below named persons while participating in the rental and use of the Boat.

Renting member Signature _____ Date _____

Authorized User (if different) _____ Date _____

Additional Crew (1) _____ Date _____

Additional Crew (2) _____ Date _____

Additional Crew (3) _____ Date _____

General Sailing Plan

Depart time:

Return time:

Sailing Area (Use Channel markers to describe Northern and Southern boundaries):

RIYCEF Sailing Rules

Member Use privileges shall be conditional on the observation of certain rules designed to promote safe sailing at all times including but not limited to:

- An Authorized User (as defined below) shall be responsible for any Boat use, must be in the Boat and shall strictly comply with these Sailing Rules, Navigation Rules (Rules of the Road), shall ensure the safety of all persons in the Boat and generally act in a manner consistent with prudent seamanship.
- Unless a specific exemption is granted, no Boat may be used when the National Weather Service has issued a Small Craft Advisory. Furthermore when sailing, Authorized Users should return to the mooring in any event average wind speeds are estimated to reach 18 knots with gusts of 22 knots (approximately 21 and 25 mph respectively).
- Everyone using the Boats is required to wear at all times a personal flotation device ("PFD") which is coast guard approved, either their own or one provided as Boat Equipment. All PFDs shall be inspected prior to sailing to ensure they are functional (no missing straps, torn zippers or questionable flotation). Shoes that cover the toes and encircle the feet with an appropriate non-marking soft sole (rubber, cork or crepe) must be worn at all times.
- Notwithstanding the requirement to use PFDs at all times, as a safety measure everyone using the Boats should be able to swim for no less than 50 yards and tread water for 5 minutes. Special procedures shall be established on a case by case basis in the event one (but no more than one) crew member cannot certify his ability to swim to the level specified above.
- Boat Equipment must be checked before each sail (against a provided checklist), together with anticipated wind and weather conditions. In the event there are any shortages in Boat Equipment, they must be remedied prior to the Boat leaving the mooring. The Boat must be inspected after sailing and broken/worn equipment reported in the Log (as defined below).
- Unless specifically otherwise authorized, the Boat crews must be no fewer than two (2) or more than (4) including helmsman.
- A sailing log ("Log") will be maintained in the RIYC dockhouse office. Prior to the use of a Boat the Authorized User shall 1) file a copy of the Rental Agreement, and 2) note in the Log and with the launch operator the total number and names of crew, anticipated sailing area, return time and certify that they have an operable personal VHF radio.
- Alcohol, controlled substances and smoking are prohibited on the Boat.
- Swimming from the Boat is prohibited.
- No mooring or docking will be made except at the RIYC.
- No pets are allowed on the Boat.
- Unless specifically otherwise authorized the Boats may only be sailed within the Boundary defined as:
 - South: "BP" Bullocks Point Mark
 - North: Fields Point