

RIYCEF

Policy regarding use of acquired Rhodes 19 yachts

Purpose

The RIYCEF owns two (2) Rhodes 19 keelboats ("Boat(s)"). The Boats will have permanent moorings in the RIYC mooring field (on an as available basis may be held in dock slips) and made available together with certain auxiliary and safety equipment ("Boat Equipment") for educational purposes as well as for racing and recreational sailing during daylight hours by members of the RIYC ("Member Use"). This policy sets forth the principles under which the Boats will be made available for Member Use.

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. The navy blue hulled boat shall be known as Boat #1, the dark blue hulled boat shall be Boat #2.
- 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

Authorized Users

All Authorized Users shall be registered and posted on a list in the RIYC Dockhouse office.

- All Authorized Users shall have participated in a briefing performed by the Fleet Captain as well as pass (unless waived) an on the water evaluation of basic skills ("Water Evaluation").
- The Water Evaluation may be waived for RIYC members owning a sailboat that is an Enrolled Yacht.
- Prior to such Water Evaluation, prospective Authorized Users should at a minimum participate in US Sailing's on line Small Boat Sailing Course and pass the appropriate on line tests. [www.ussailing.org and www.smallboat.sailingcourse.com.]
- Authorized Users may be rated according to skill level with certain skills necessary for racing use or in wind conditions above a proscribed level.

RIYC Member Use

The Boats will be available for Member Use during daylight hours when not otherwise scheduled for educational purposes. At least one Authorized User shall be on the Boat at all times who shall be responsible for compliance with the Sailing Rules.

In 2011 rental rates will be waived for all Members until further notice. Should they be re-instituted they will be:

2 Hr Rental	\$20
4 Hr Rental	\$35
All day	\$60

Fees will be always be reasonably waived for Contributing Volunteers as maintained on a posted list maintained by the RIYCEF Fleet Captain.

Members may make a reservation for Boat Use at the RIYC Dockhouse office. A Rental Agreement in the form attached must be signed by any Member renting a Boat, such agreement to be countersigned by the Authorized User in the event the Member is not qualified as such, and provided to the on launch operator for filing in the Log. The launch operator will provide service to the mooring and assist in any pre sail or post sail checkout.

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