



# Elliott 7 Usage Policy

## **Purpose**

To ensure the safe operation, appropriate safety measures and due care are taken when operating the RSYS Elliott 7's.

## **Procedure- All Users**

All usage of the Elliott 7's is conditional upon the following:

- Boats are not be used in winds above 25 knots.
- Life jackets (Level 50 or greater) must be worn at all times when on the water.
- The skipper/crew has suitable knowledge of emergency procedures.
- A VHF Handheld radio is on board and is operational at all times.
- No marks or ground tackle of any kind shall be carried onboard.
- No member of the crew is permitted to use the boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Applicable fees Entry/ Usage have been paid in full prior to usage.
- Damage deposit or insurance excess paid in full or acknowledge where applicable prior to usage.
- The hirer shall check that the boat is in full working order and has all required equipment as per boat check and damage form, prior to departing the dock.
- All use of sail training vessels must be booked online via the RSYS website and confirmed by the RSYS Sailing Office prior to the use of any vessels. The Sailing Manager will be responsible for approving usage.
- No equipment is to be altered in any way or used for anything other than its intended purpose. Specifically:
  - Do not cross winch headsail sheets
  - Do not attach sheets to fabric of spinnakers or perforate sails for any reason
  - Do not mark the hull or deck with permanent ink
  - Sheets or halyards are not to be used for mooring or towing- use the provided mooring/ tow lines
- Boats are to be cleaned and returned after each session in line with the maintenance and care instructions located inside the forward hatch.
- The online Maintenance & Damage reports are to be completed and submitted online at the conclusion of each session. All damages/ repairs are chargeable to the hirer.
- Sails and all non-permanent equipment shall be stored in their allocated location in the youth training room.

## Youth Training, Development AND Discover Sailing AS Levels 1-3

- An RSYS endorsed qualified coach is present either on each Elliott 7 or in a RIB.
- Any use outside of the Youth Development Program by a current participant must be approved prior by the Sailing Manager.

## Club Events, Regatta and General Usage

Tuesday Twilight Series; Friday Twilight Series & Saturday and Sunday Racing

Other regattas appropriate for use shall be determined by the Sailing Committee. The Sailing Manager shall determine that the skipper & crew using the Elliott 7's have suitable experience, this would include but not limited to:

- The Skipper is a RSYS Member;
- Proven experience in a similar boat as the Elliott 7; or
- Long term experience in a youth class; or
- Completed an Australian Sailing (or Equivalent) Level 2 minimum Keelboat course, limited to non-spinnaker usage only, or Level 3 use of Spinnakers; or
- A Squadron Keelboat Development participant or former participant is on-board the boat
- Knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and have attended a RRS Seminar in the last 12 months
- Experience in fleet racing
- Experience in handling boats in all weather conditions
- The skipper & crew can safely navigate to and from the marina facility under sail