

RCYC CLUB BOAT POLICIES

(Revised: 3/01/2025)

Club boats may be chartered by Regular or Associate members of Rush Creek Yacht Club as defined in the By-Laws or used in special educational programs sponsored by Rush Creek Education Fund (RCEF). All charters and club boat fleet memberships are subject to sales tax and capital improvement fund (CIF) charges.

**CURRENT LIABILITY RELEASES MUST BE ON FILE WITH THE CLUB OFFICE
PRIOR TO ANY CHARTER**

CLUB BOAT CHARTER

1. RCYC Regular or Associate members may charter by the day, for Wednesday night races, or regattas.
2. Members must be checked out and have signed liability release on file.
3. Boats are available day or night every day.
4. Charter only blocks you plan to use. Cancel your reservation if your plans change.
5. Can reserve a boat four weeks in advance
6. RACING HAS PRIORITY OVER DAYSAILING on scheduled race days and boats shall not be reserved for daysailing on scheduled race days.
7. If boats are not used for racing (i.e., sitting at the dock), may be used for day sailing.
8. Boats reserved during times of scheduled racing are assumed to be chartered for racing. Check RCYC Aux Racing calendar for race dates.
9. Reservations are first come, first served, but we encourage not leaving anyone on the dock!
10. The Certified Club Boat Program Fleet member or chartering skipper must be on the boat.

CLUB BOAT FLEET MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the club boat program requires a \$1,400/year commitment. The period of the agreement is from April 1 to March 31 of the following year. The charge will be added to your club bill and may be paid lump sum or paid out \$130/month for 12 months. Club Boat Fleet Membership allows unlimited use of boats (with the exception of special RCYC activities or educational programs sponsored by RCEF). A member joining the Club Boat Program for the first time may prorate his fee from the month of joining. Sales tax and CIF charges will be added.

The RCYC Office will automatically renew your membership on April 1 of the following year unless you have indicated on your financial liability form that you do not wish to have it automatically renewed.

If automatically renewed by the office, you have 30 days to contact the RCYC Office to cancel, make the payment in full or notify the club office of your election to utilize the monthly payment option.

NON-CLUB BOAT PROGRAM CHARTER FEE STRUCTURE

- Daily racing or cruising: \$60 per 4 hour block
- Wednesday Night Race: \$60 per 4 hour block
- Dallas Race Week Regatta: \$125 per event
- Other regattas: Texas Independence Day \$50 per event; George Griffith \$50 per event

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARTERER:

- 1) Is responsible for up to first \$500 damage in lost or damaged equipment.
- 2) Must provide own running lights, if sailing after sundown (red/green for bow and white to attach to rudder) and is responsible for Texas Parks & Wildlife ticket for operating without lights.
- 3) Junior sailors 12 and under are required by Texas Parks & Wildlife to wear a life jacket or PFD at all times while aboard a boat. Please bring one that will fit your child.
- 4) Report any damaged or lost equipment to Rear Commodore of Club Boats (icrcyc@gmail.com). Charterer is responsible for up to the insurance deductible for lost equipment or damage. If you see worn equipment, or running rigging needing replacement, let us know so that it can be replaced before it breaks during a race or regatta.
- 5) Charterer must attempt to avoid contact and/or collision with another boat.
- 6) If there is damage, and responsibility is not claimed, a hearing will be held with Commodore, VC race, RC Club Boats, designee from Finance Committee
- 7) If it is determined that right-of-way charterer could have avoided collision, right-of-way charterer may share in payment of deductible.

CLUB BOAT POLICY FOR USE BY THOSE ENROLLED IN THE JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM OR SEA SCOUTS

1) Those enrolled in the RCYC Junior Sailing Program are encouraged to use the club IC24s. In order to encourage this and also to support the club is waiving the \$120/day or \$1,400/year club boat rental fee for juniors and scouts.

2) When the club boats are used by juniors or scouts the boat or boats must be reserved using the club boat reservation system. The name of the person reserving the boat must be included in the reservation and this person is the person responsible for the boat while it is used. This person must have completed the Sailing Experience/Checkout Exam for the club boats and the Club Boat Charter Agreement. If there are damages to the boat this person is responsible for up to \$500 in damages or lost equipment. Should there be lost or damaged equipment from Junior use the Vice Commodore of Education may approve damages being covered by the junior program instead of the person who reserved the boat. Should there be

lost or damaged equipment from Sea Scout use The Sea Scout Skipper (Charter Organization Rep) may approve damages being covered by the Sea Scout program instead of the person who reserved the boat. 3) Junior sailors 12 and under are required by Texas Parks & Wildlife to wear a life jacket or PFD at all times while aboard a boat. Please provide one that will fit your child. Sea Scouts of any age must wear a PFD.

4) Report any damage or lost equipment to icrcyc@gmail.com. Help note running rigging or other worn equipment that needs replacing before it breaks.

5) Charterer must attempt to avoid contact and/or collision with another boat.

6) If there is damage, and responsibility is not claimed, a hearing will be held with Commodore, Vice Commodore of Race and Rear Commodore of Club Boats

7) If it is determined that right-of-way charterer could have avoided collision, right-of-way charterer may share in payment of deductible.

8) RCYC Junior Sailors are defined as junior sailors between the ages of 8 and 18 who are actively enrolled in the RCYC junior sailing program. Sea Scouts are defined as sea scout sailors by being a member of the Boy Scouts of America.

9) Club boats may be made available for organized junior program activities to be coordinated with the VC Education or Junior Program Manager/Coach and the Rear Commodore Club Boats.

10) Responsible club members (18 or older) or the Program Manager/Coach will be on-board the club boats or in close proximity (chase boat) while the boats are in use.

11) The sailor must be at least 16 years of age in order to skipper the boat without an adult (club member 21 years or older)

12) The skipper must have passed the Club boat checkout procedure

13) The member responsible for the junior skipper must have signed the Club Boat Charter Agreement that is on www.rcyc.org.

14) The skipper must have completed a Texas Parks and Wildlife approved boater safety course and have a copy of their certificate on file with the club office

15) When utilizing Club IC24s for Junior Program Activities, the Junior Program will maintain all responsibility for lost or damaged equipment.

16) When reserving a club boat for junior or sea scout use the person's name responsible for the boat shall be used and the word "Juniors" or "Sea Scouts" shall follow the name. This will alert the club manager to waive the club boat rental fee.

17) Juniors and Sea Scouts may reserve one club boat for racing up to 2 weeks in advance. Should they want to race a second or third club boat they must wait until 5 days before the race in order to allow the paying club boat members a chance to reserve a boat. For junior practice on non racing days the juniors may reserve up to 4 IC24s up to 3 weeks in advance.

18) During races a responsible adult must be on board the club IC24 at all times. During Junior practice a responsible adult must be on board the IC24 or nearby in a chase boat at all times.

19) The RCYC go/no go chart applies at all times. There is no use of the club boats by Juniors or Scouts in the "RC Discretion" category.

GUEST SKIPPER PROGRAM

Guest Skipper passes are available to allow members the ability to utilize the club's IC24s to recruit new yacht club members and promote the club boat program. The number of passes will be determined annually by the Board of Governors. Passes will be administered by the RC Club Boats or the RC Membership. Guest skipper must be certified for club boat use and sign the *RCYC Club Boat Use Liability Agreement*.

RCEF/RCYC SPECIAL EVENTS

Use of club owned IC24s requires Board Approval, along with designated member bosun who will be responsible for handling damage deposits, taking care of repairs/damages to boats or sails during the event as well as returning boats and equipment to the same position on hoists or storage boxes where they were prior to the event. If there is no conflict with regular club events, RC Club Boats will block off dates in the Setmore reservation system, once approved by the Board.

CLUB IC24 PROCEDURES:

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SKIPPER CERTIFICATION All Club Boat skippers must be certified by:

1. Completing sailing resume/application for checkout (on club boat website)
2. Executing the RCYC Club Boat Charter Agreement with liability release (on club website)
3. Pass checkout exam (on club website) to rig, sail, dock, and derig-stow by one of the RCYC IC24 Checkout Committee members listed below.
 - Kirk Beaumont
 - Jimmy Peters
 - Tom Bieger
 - Robert Phillips
 - Erich Schloemer
4. Club boat representative will sign paperwork and turn into RCYC office.
5. Member will use Clubspot reservation program to reserve boats.

BOAT EQUIPMENT:

The equipment on each boat includes the following:

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| 8 orange personal flotation devices | 1 throwable cushion |
| 1 bucket & bilge pump | 1 tiller extension (should be on tiller) & tiller cover |
| 1 anchor, chain and line | 1 winch handle (stored in winch pocket inside boat) |
| 1 spinnaker pole | 2 spinnaker sheets |
| 2 tweakers | 1 jib sheet |
- (Don't store wet sails or sheets in sailbags. Hang to dry.)

Bring your own cooler and cart off your trash!

SAILS AND JIB SHEETS

1. Day sailing/cruising sails are kept in the dock boxes and on the Boats
2. Wed night races, may use the "plastic jibs".
3. Race sails. Mainsails, Jibs and Spinnakers are in black sail bags and are kept in the Commodore's Shed onshore.

4. SPECIAL EVENTS. A bosun will be appointed by the VC Race to make sure that boats are correctly stored on the hoists with dock lines attached and sails are returned to the appropriate storage location at the conclusion of the event.

Jib sheets should be found on all jibs. Please don't remove from sails. If sheets are wet, allow them to hang out of the bags. Spinnakers shall be dry before storage. Do not put them into the sail bag wet.

STORAGE AND USE OF HOIST

1. Line up yellow arrow on boat with yellow arrow on dock to center boat on hoist
2. Before sailing out of the slip or raising sails in the slip, make sure that boat is all the way in the water and hoist is fully lowered before getting onboard to prevent keel damage.

SAILING/RACING RULES

1. TUNING: Outers/uppers should be 26# on old style Loos gauge or 20# on (new) PT2 Loos gauge; inners may be loosened/tightened by user.
2. NO HIKING. Feet must be kept inside the lifelines.
3. No Club Boat shall be sailed in winds gusting greater than 25MPH.
4. Spinnakers shall not be used if wind gusts exceed 20MPH or if signaled by the Race Committee

Determination of wind speed is performed by the Race Committee for regattas. For club races and day sailing/practice, the wind speed shall be determined by the *higher* of

- Measured maximum gusts using an anemometer at the end of the club sea wall
- The *higher* of the predicted maximum wind gusts using *all four* models at windy.com
- The judgment of the Race Committee (if applicable)

BREAKDOWN & MAINTENANCE

1. Report all damage/issues to the to Rear Commodore of Club Boats (clubboats@rcyc.org)
2. If minor (lost winch handle, etc), please help by letting us know if you can pick up a replacement.
3. There are extra cruising sails and spare parts in dock boxes on the Doolin Center Deck.
4. **IF THERE IS CONTACT AND/OR MAJOR DAMAGE, NOTIFY THE REAR COMMODORE OF CLUB BOATS (clubboats@rcyc.org) HEARING WILL BE HELD TO DETERMINE PAYMENT OF DEDUCTIBLE. RIGHT OF WAY SKIPPER MAY BE ASKED TO SHARE IN DEDUCTIBLE IF HE/SHE DID NOT ATTEMPT TO AVOID CONTACT/COLLISION.**