

POLICY & PROCEDURE FOR USE OF KEEL BOATS – 18' AND OVER

The below rules have been adopted as a result of accumulated experience at HSA to promote safe and pleasant usage of the HSA boats for members. Remember that we are all in a volunteer organization. No one gets paid to clean up the boats after someone else messes them up. No one gets paid to do the necessary maintenance to keep the boats in a safe working order as resources permit. If you want to use a boat you will be expected to help with maintenance.

To qualify to use the HSA boats that are longer than 18 feet, one must:

Contact the boat captain of the boat you want to get checked out on and make arrangements to sail on it with him or her on your first three (or more) times out. The purpose of meeting with the boat captain is to optimize your knowledge and proficiency in sailing under low and high winds with variable wind directions. .

- A. You must be able to demonstrate the following to the boat captain's satisfaction:
 1. Current Forecast weather, including tides/currents prior to sailing
 2. An understanding and proper inspection of the particular boats systems, including but not limited to– sails, sheets, halyards, engine, head, center board, *Safety Equipment*, fueling, oil check, etc., location and use of safety equipment
 3. Getting out of the slip under power.
 4. Proper choice of sails.
 5. Setting the sails: reef the main? partially unroll the jib or stow it completely?
 6. All points of sail, tacking and *Controlled jibes*.
 7. Man overboard drill, use throwable flotation device and sail away.
 8. Anchoring under both sail and power.
 9. Heaving to, putting in a reef, sailing away, heaving to, shake out the reef and sail away.
 10. Landing and leaving the dock under both sail and power.
 11. Putting the boat into the slip under power.
 12. Securing the boat and leaving it in a Ship Shape and Bristol Fashion.
 13. Demonstrate quick close hauled tacks in approximately 80 foot runs.
 14. Fill out the Log Book for the vessel., If a problem arises that you cannot correct, notify the boat captain immediately.
- B. Make arrangements with the Fleet Vice- Commodore or the captain of the boat you have been checked-out on to take the written exam. This step is not a pass or fail situation, but rather an exchange of knowledge to help you,

C. During your first sails you must have completed all of the above with the boat captain before your first sail as skipper. AND:

1. Be a member in good standing of the club.
2. Make arrangements with the Boat Captain to use the boat via a reservation. The day sail must be logged before the sail.

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3. ***Have a Current*** membership in your name with one of the local towing services. Take a copy to give the boat captain.
4. ***Have Experience*** navigating and knowledge of the river, the tides and know where the shallow areas are.
5. ***You must have*** a working vhf radio if there is not one on the boat. You are expected to perform a radio check before leaving the dock. You must also monitor channel 16 whenever you are underway. (To provide assistance or at least relay radio information if needed).

Signature

Printed name

Date

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