

## **9. Use of Club-owned Watercraft**

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This policy has been established by the Directors of The Stormont Yacht Club to regulate the use of club-owned watercraft.

- 9.1 Sailcraft qualifications: Any member wishing to use a club-owned sailcraft must be a Member-in-Good-Standing and have been checked-out by the Fleet Captain or his/her delegate. A check-out will consist of the member demonstrating the ability to:
  - 9.1.1 Rig and launch the sailcraft in a safe and proper manner.
  - 9.1.2 Safely execute tacks and jibes.
  - 9.1.3 Safely return to the dock.
  - 9.1.4 State the safety equipment required and the sailing area limits.
- 9.2 Sail Training Programs will have precedence over other sailcraft usage by the members.
- 9.3 Rescue Boat Availability: Members using club-owned sailcraft are expected to ensure that a rescue boat is prepared to offer assistance should it be required.
- 9.4 Prior to Launch or usage the sailcraft should be checked for soundness of all standing and running rigging, hull integrity and proper safety equipment.
- 9.5 Approved Personal Flotation Devices must be worn whenever using or operating club-owned watercraft.
- 9.6 Club-owned watercraft must always carry the required safety equipment as specified by regulations of the Canadian Coast Guard.
- 9.7 Members sailing club-owned sailcraft and human powered vessels must always remain within sight in the immediate bay area in front of the club and must return by sunset. These vessels must not venture further eastward than buoy number XS7 off Moulinette Island.
- 9.8 Club owned watercraft must be stored in its original location. Dinghies must have the boom rigged to the mast, all equipment stowed correctly, including lines coiled, and in the case of dry moored dinghies, bailers left open. All sails must be dried, properly folded, bagged and stored in their original location. Members are not to mix and match sails between sailcraft.
- 9.9 Any damage to club-owned watercraft must be reported immediately to the Rear Commodore. Damage, arising from personal use of club owned watercraft other than normal wear and tear will be repaired at the user's expense.
- 9.10. Conduct judged to be unsafe or not in the best interests of the Club may result in the loss of club-owned watercraft privileges.