



Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

FAR EAST 28R USAGE POLICY

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FarEast28R Usage Policy

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS) is committed to providing opportunities for recreational sailing in the community, this is achieved by the private use of the Far East 28R. This policy will outline the expected competency levels and requirements necessary to use a Far East 28R privately. It is important all policy outlines are followed to ensure the safety and wellbeing of yourself, and the security of these boats.

1. Competency

All Sailors wishing to hire the Far East 28R must meet certain competency requirements to be eligible for private use. These are the following:

- 1.1 Must have completed and successfully gained competency Start Crewing and Helming
- 1.2 Must have completed and successfully gained competency for Start Skippering Elliott and Far East 28R
- 1.3 For racing must have completed and successfully gained competency as Far East 28r Racing Skipper
- 1.4 Must be a Sail our Boat Member

2. Conditions of Hire for Far East 28R

All Sailors wishing to hire need to ensure the following conditions are met:

- 2.1 Minimum of people on board is four people up to maximum of seven
- 2.2 If wanting to take children on hire the minimum age is eight years old and can swim 50 metres. In this circumstance you are required to have four adults plus child on hire
- 2.3 If the weather is indicating wind over 15 knots and/or lightning evident, private hire will be cancelled
- 2.4 As the hirer you are responsible for any non-members whilst they are visiting Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron
- 2.5 If a skipper wishes to introduce a friend from outside the Squadron to the boat, the non-member needs to acquire a day pass and the first three sails are \$15.00 each. After three sails the person would need to become a Sailing Category Member and purchase the package to continue usage or after the three sails, they can utilise a sail from another Sail our Boat Member.
- 2.6 If a skipper wishes to introduce a friend who is a Sailing Category Member, the friend will need to acquire a day pass and the first three sails are \$15.00 each. After three sails the person would need to purchase the package to continue usage or after the three sails, they can utilise a sail from another Sail our Boat Member.
- 2.7 Each Sail our Boat member will use one of their sails to sail on the private hire.
- 2.8 Inclusion Zone for where the Far East 28R is permitted to be sailed is attached as **Attachment A**

3. Racing on Far East 28R

If the Far East 28r is hired for racing all sailors need to provide the following equipment:

- 3.1 All sailors need to provide clip on strobe light for Twilight racing
- 3.2 All sailors need to provide lifejacket ideally with crotch strap for Twilight racing
- 3.3 Members in the Sail our Boat Program should always be given priority of sail
- 3.4 No child under 16 years of age is to participate in racing

4. Requirements before Departing

Prior to departure of RQYS in a privately hired boat the following must be completed:

- 4.1 Must sign all appropriate paperwork at reception such as sign on and off sheet and purchase any day passes for non-members
- 4.2 Collect radio from equipment room located at old marina building and in operational order
- 4.3 Must keep to booked timings arranged with the Sailing Academy due to other bookings
- 4.4 Life jackets are stored on the boat
- 4.5 Ensure all lines are in operational order and untangled
- 4.6 Check the Engine is:
 - 4.6.1 Down
 - 4.6.2 Engine Fuelled and check spare fuel
 - 4.6.3 Breather open and fuel switch set to run
 - 4.6.4 Test start engine by ensuring the outboard is operating as expected and the tell tail has water flow

- 4.6.5 Hank on Jib
- 4.6.6 Ensure spare fuel tank is tied down under tiller
- 4.6.7 Turn on battery Isolator and instruments
- 4.7 Radio check to ensure radio is in working condition

5. Requirements once Departed

Once having departed RQYS these requirements are necessary:

- 5.1 Stow all mooring lines and fenders in cabin
- 5.2 When leaving harbour Radio RQ91 with call sign RQYS Far East and inform them that you are leaving the harbour with number of people on board
- 5.3 Ensure enough time to return to RQYS at the set ETR

6. Before returning to Dock

Ensure the following is completed before docking:

- 6.1 Retrieve mooring lines and fenders from cabin and ensure they are secured on the correct side for docking
- 6.2 Returning to harbour radio RQ91 with call sign (RQYS Far East) and inform them you have returned and with number of people on board

7. Requirements upon Return

Upon return to RQYS the following must be completed prior leaving the Far East 28R:

- 7.1 Ensure vessel is securely moored
- 7.2 Roll/Flake sails storing in their bag and returning them into the cabin
- 7.3 Hose down vessel (A spare hose can be found in the equipment room or the fire hose on the dock, please insure you return it after use)
- 7.4 Sponge out any water that's in the cabin
- 7.5 Check Engine is:
 - 7.5.1 Fuel is switched closed
 - 7.5.2 Breather closed
 - 7.5.3 Engine tilted out of the water
 - 7.5.4 Report if spare fuel tank needs to be topped up
- 7.6 Ensure boat and all lines are tidy
- 7.7 Turn off instruments and battery isolator
- 7.8 Remove radio from vessel and all other equipment is stowed in cabin
- 7.9 Attach cover over hatch and instruments
- 7.10 Sign off at reception with the receptionist
- 7.11 Any equipment not packed away correctly, or at all will incur a labour fee.

8. Emergency Situation

In the event of an emergency these are the steps necessary to take to ensure safety:

- 8.1 If safe to do so perform a Heave-to OR drop anchor
- 8.2 Situation dependant make either a general call to RQYS Base for low risk incidents or make the appropriate distress call as according to the radio call card attached to the first aid kit
- 8.3 If need be there are emergency supplies such as a first aid kit and V sheet in the safety grab bag
- 8.4 Once safely ashore, fill out an RQYS incident report and if necessary, a marine incident report form

9. Damage to Vessel

In the event that a privately owned vessel or the Far East 28R is damaged these are the necessary steps to take:

- 9.1 Situation dependant, if emergency make either a general call to RQYS Base for low risk damage or the appropriate distress call as according to the radio call card attached to the first aid kit
- 9.2 Once safely ashore, fill out appropriate paperwork.

10. Acknowledgement:

I _____ Member No: _____
Acknowledge that I have read the terms of the above policy and agree to all stated above and any fees should I incur.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

