



Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

TECHNO FOIL & IQ YOUTH FOIL
HIRE POLICY

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Foil Windsurfer Hire Policy

1. Requirements

- 1.1 All persons wanting to hire Foil Windsurfing equipment must meet certain criteria to be allowed private use. These are the following:
- 1.1.1 Must have a current Sailing Class RQYS membership
 - 1.1.2 Must be 16 or over
 - 1.1.3 All persons wanting to hire Techno Foil kit or IQ Foil Kit must be evaluated for competency through qualified staff.

2. When Equipment can be Hired

- 2.1 Equipment can be hired for members on terms agreed with the Sailing Academy.

3. Pricing

- 3.1 These are the allocated prices (incl. GST) for hiring a Techno Foil or Youth IQ Foil for windsurfing purposes. Extra costing will be arranged if the hiring of an instructor is needed.

| | Youth IQ Foil | | | Techno Foil | | |
|----------|---------------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Duration | 1 Hour | Half Day | Term Hire | 1 Hour | Half Day | Term Hire |
| Full Set | N/A | N/A | \$150 | N/A | N/A | \$150 |

*Term constitutes 10 weeks

4. Waiver and Assumption of Risk

- 4.1 The undersigned hereby waives and releases all claims of negligence or strict liability arising of use or misuse from equipment provided from RQYS. I fully understand, recognise, and accept that the Techno Foil or Youth IQ Foil can pose inherent risks and dangers such as the possibly of injury to myself and others, damages to equipment, and even death. As a condition for the use of these boards and equipment. I will assume all responsibility for any injury or damages of any nature and extent. I agree to use my best judgement in undertaking this activity.

5. Requirements before departure

- 5.1 Prior to departure from RQYS on a Techno Foil or Youth IQ Foil the following must be completed:
- 5.1.1 Must sign all appropriate paperwork provided at Sailing Academy
 - 5.1.2 Be wearing a life jacket
 - 5.1.3 Be wearing enclosed shoes, Helmet (that shall be to the minimum standard EN1385, EN1077, EN 966, ASTM 2040, Snell S98 or equivalent as per the IQ Foil junior class rules), and sunscreen

6. Requirements upon Return

- 6.1 Upon return to RQYS the following must be completed before leaving the premises of RQYS:
 - 6.1.1 Techno Foil or Youth IQ Foil must be packed up off the beach away from the tide. Or wherever you are asked to put equipment. If you have hired the board for a term, it is required that you wash down and pack the board and the rig into the designated containers at the Windsurfing Centre of Excellence. It is your responsibility to ensure the security of all equipment.
 - 6.1.2 Late return of equipment will incur a late fee prorated of the hire fee.
 - 6.1.3 If Damage or loss occurred to the kit whilst sailing, please see 10.

7. Safety and Self-Rescue

- 7.1 In the event of an emergency situation these are the steps necessary to ensure safety:
 - 7.1.1 It is more fun to windsurf with other people. Not only will you learn from each other but also there will be somebody close should you need help.
 - 7.1.2 Tell someone where you are going and when you will be back.
 - 7.1.3 Obtain a weather forecast for the local sailing area.
 - 7.1.4 Avoid strong tides, offshore winds and poor visibility.

8. Emergency Situation

- 8.1. In the event of an emergency situation these are the steps that should be taken:
- 8.2. Attracting Attention by:
 - 8.2.1 The international Distress Signal – By repeatedly raising and lowering your arms at either side of your body while kneeling or sitting on your board.
 - 8.2.2 Attracting Attention – A bright piece of material, such as a hat or another piece of clothing, can be waved to attract attention. This can be incredibly effective, even over large distances.
 - 8.2.3 Blowing a Whistle – This is a handy way to attract the attention of people close to you. Provided the wind is not too strong or in the wrong direction, as the sound could simply get carried away.
- 8.3 Self-rescue – There may be times when you need to help yourself and perform a self-rescue, but only consider this when there are no rescue options. Some of the self-rescue techniques listed below can also be used for getting to land from your sailing area.
 - 8.3.1 Flagging – If you are struggling to get downwind because you are too tired, or the wind is too strong you can use a technique known as ‘flagging downwind’.
 - 8.3.2 From the secure position, lean the rig towards the front of the board until board and sail are pointing downwind. As you move the rig remember to counterbalance with your body.
 - 8.3.3 Stand just behind the rig with your feet either side of the mast foot and let the wind blow you downwind.
 - 8.3.4 By leaning the rig to one side or the other you can steer.
- 8.4 An additional method – Another technique to help self-rescue in no wind or very light wind conditions, when it is a struggle to sail, is the turtle method.
 - 8.4.1 Kneel or sit in the middle of the board facing forwards and detach the rig, pulling it alongside the board with the mast foot facing forwards and holding onto the mast.
 - 8.4.2 Pull the rig over your head with the boom in front of you and lie down with your upper body through the gap between the boom and sail. You are now lying on the inside of the boom with the sail over the top of you. The mast foot should be facing forwards with the boom clear of water.
 - 8.4.3 Paddle back to the shore.
- 8.5 Once safely ashore, fill out an RQYS incident report and if necessary, fill out a Marine incident report form
- 8.6 Should you be on land or on a pontoon, call out for help and continue to contact RQYS
- 8.7 Once safely ashore, notify RQYS Staff of your return and any incidents that occurred..

9. Terms of Hire

- 9.1 The IQ Foils and Techno Foils are only to be used and stored at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, in their designated space, unless given permission and approved by the Sailing Manager to use in another sailing event outside of the RQYS facilities.
- 9.2 Priority of IQ Foil gear hire will be given to those who wish to train and race in the Youth IQ Foil fleet competitively.
- 9.3 Priority of IQ Foil gear hire will be given to those who have not had access to previous foiling windsurf gear and training and wish to race competitively in the IQ Foil class.
- 9.4 Those who wish to hire Youth IQ Foil Gear must be assessed for competency by a qualified instructor or coach at the expense of the sailor. Assessment will be in the form of a private lesson with a qualified instructor or coach on the Techno Foil kit.
- 9.5 The Techno Foil & IQ Foil kits will be labelled with a number so all parts of the kit, including sails, board and foil will be stored together as a matching set.
- 9.6 Sailors must have the Foil Set inspected by staff before they hire the gear to note any damage that occurred beforehand. Staff will also keep a record of the kit allocated to the sailor – if any pieces are missing the sailor will be responsible for replacing the missing pieces (please see list of costs 11.1). Upon return of gear (once the hire term has ended) the gear will be inspected by staff for damages or missing pieces.
- 9.7 In the event that damage occurs to a part of the kit or gear is missing during the hiring term, Staff must be notified, and the incident reported to staff. There is to be no swapping in pieces from other matching sets.
- 9.8 In the event that damage occurs to the kit, please see 10 Breakages and Damages.

10. Breakages and Damage

- 10.1 In the event that a privately-owned vessel or the Techno Foil or Youth IQ foil and/ or equipment is damaged these are the necessary steps to take:
 - 10.1.1 Once safely ashore, you will inform reception staff of incident and fill out the appropriate paperwork and incident forms.
 - 10.1.2 You shall be responsible for any loss or damage to the Techno Foil or Youth IQ Foil and/or related accessories for whatever reason. In the event of equipment malfunction or failure becoming apparent during the period of hire, you will return it immediately or notify staff. You acknowledge that no repairs are to be made to the Boards or equipment without permission from staff. The cost of repairs is to be covered by the sailor.
 - 10.1.3 Once the gear is returned and the hire has ended, if the gear is found to have any breakages, damages, or missing pieces upon inspection that **have not** been reported, the sailor will be responsible for ensuring the gear is properly repaired and missing pieces replaced as approved by staff.

11. Cost List for Damages or loss of Equipment

- 11.1 In the event that the hired items are damaged and are beyond reasonable repair the below table contains the amount each individual item costs (incl. GST) to replace:

| Equipment | Techno | Youth IQ |
|----------------|---------|----------|
| Board | \$1,949 | \$4,242 |
| Foil | \$629 | \$629 |
| Rig 5.8 | \$1,415 | \$1,415 |
| Rig 6.8 | \$1,469 | \$1,469 |
| Rig 7.8 | \$1,519 | \$1,519 |
| Mast | \$429 | \$429 |
| Boom | \$360 | \$360 |
| Mast Base | \$89 | \$89 |
| Dagger Board | \$95 | \$95 |
| Harness Rope | \$35 | \$35 |
| Up haul Rope | \$15 | \$15 |
| Mast Extension | \$89 | \$89 |
| Foot Straps | \$39 | \$39 |

12. Acknowledgment

I _____ Member Number _____
acknowledge that I have read the terms of the above agreement and give permission to the Royal
Queensland Yacht Squadron to charge any loss, damage or late fees to the above credit card or
Members Account.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____