

Darwin Sailing Club Elliott 7 Usage Policy

1. **Purpose:** To ensure that safe operation, appropriate safety measures and due care are taken when operating the DSC Elliott 7's.
2. **Club Events, Regatta and General Usage:**
 - a. Elliotts may be used for Twilight Series and Sunday Racing. Sailing Committee may determine that Elliott 7s are available for other uses and/or events. DSC members may hire boats for recreational use. The Sailing Manager shall determine that the skipper & crew using the Elliott 7's have suitable experience. Assessment will be made against the experience criteria in Clause 4.
3. **Learn to Sail AS Levels 1-3 AND Youth Training and Development:**
 - a. A DSC endorsed qualified instructor/coach is present either on each Elliott 7 or in a RHIB.
 - b. Any use outside of the training or Youth Development Programs by a current participant must have prior approval by the Sailing Manager.
4. **Use prerequisites:**
 - a. Boats may only be used by participants in DSC training courses and DSC organised events; or
 - b. The Skipper is a DSC Member; **and**
 - c. Has proven experience in a similar boat to the Elliott 7; or
 - d. Long term experience in a youth class; or
 - e. Completed an Australian Sailing (or Equivalent) Level 2 minimum Keelboat course; or
 - f. A Youth Keelboat Program participant or former participant is on-board the boat; **and** has
 - g. Knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and have attended an Umpire of Judge seminar in the last 4 years; or
 - h. Proven experience in fleet racing; or
 - i. Experience in handling boats in all weather conditions; **and**
 - j. The skipper & crew can safely navigate to and from the moorings under sail.
5. **Booking:**
 - a. All use of sail training vessels must be booked at least 24 hours prior to planned commencement online via the DSC website and confirmed by the DSC Sailing Office prior to the use of any vessels. The Sailing Manager will be responsible for approving usage. Please note: the Sailing office is not open every day.
6. **Procedure- All Users:**
 - a. Boats are not be used in winds above 25 knots.
 - b. Life jackets (Level 50 or greater) must be worn at all times when on the water.
 - c. The skipper/crew has suitable knowledge of emergency procedures.
 - d. A VHF Handheld radio is on board and is operational at all times.
 - e. No member of the crew is permitted to use the boat while under the influence of alcohol or

drugs.

- f. Applicable fees (Entry/ Usage) have been paid in full prior to usage.
- g. Damage deposit or insurance excess paid in full or acknowledged, where applicable, prior to usage.
- h. The hirer shall check that the boat is in full working order and has all required equipment as per boat check form, prior to departing the mooring.

7. **Operation:**

No equipment is to be altered in any way or used for anything other than its intended purpose.

Specifically:

- a. Do not cross winch headsail sheets
- b. Do not attach sheets to fabric of spinnakers or perforate sails for any reason.
- c. Do not mark the hull, deck, sails, halyards or sheets with any permanent mark. Removable tape may be used, but any residual adhesive must be removed as part of the boat cleaning process.
- d. Sheets or halyards are not to be used for mooring or towing. There are mooring/ tow lines provided.
- e. No marks or ground tackle of any kind may be carried onboard at any time, other than the statutory anchor.
- f. Main booms are to be secured level. Do not allow wire halyard eye to go to top of mast. Whipping on red halyard to be at exit sheave.
- g. Boats are to be cleaned and returned after each session in line with the maintenance and care instructions located inside the forward hatch.
- h. Sails and all non-permanent equipment must be stored in their allocated location in the green shed.
- i. The Use, Maintenance & Damage reports are to be completed and submitted at the conclusion of each session. All damages/ repairs are chargeable to the hirer.