

POLICY ON USE OF SAILING PROGRAM SAILBOATS 2017

The Harraseeket Yacht Club (HYC) owns and maintains two sonars as well as a fleet of 420s for instructional purposes and for use by the membership. This policy clarifies the conditions for use of those vessels.

QUALIFICATIONS

Prior to any personal use of a HYC Sailboat, a waiver must be signed, in which the user agrees not to hold the HYC liable for any injury, death or property damage that may result from the use of the HYC Sailing Program equipment.

A member may qualify to check out a HYC-owned sailboat following demonstration of proficiency. The demonstration of proficiency can be arranged with one of the HYC Sailing Program personnel. In general, the demonstration of proficiency is intended to ensure that a member has sufficient skill in general boating safety and small boat sailing.

After a member has demonstrated proficiency in sailing, the member may request access to the Sonars personal use. The rules (below) govern where and when the sailboat may be used, procedures for checking out the sailboat and responsibility for damage, etc.

Priorities for the use of the boats are in the order of 1) instructional use in HYC sponsored classes, 2) racing in HYC sponsored events, and 3) all other personal use by members.

Failure to comply with the rules listed below may result in discontinuation of a member's rights to check out HYC sailboats

HARRASEEKET YACHT CLUB SAILBOAT CHECK OUT RULES

1. HYC Sailboats may be used by HYC members subject to the sign-in and check-out procedures.
2. All users shall wear a USCG approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD).
3. HYC Sailboats shall not be sailed outside the Harraseeket River and area outlined on the attached chart.
4. HYC Sailboats may only be sailed during daylight hours.
5. The Sailboats are to be fully unrigged and completely put away by the user after each use. This includes proper stowing of equipment, folding sails, etc.
6. Each person checking out a sailboat is responsible to observe that all equipment is in proper working condition when rigging the boat. All equipment should be returned in proper working condition.
7. It shall be the responsibility of each user to report any damaged or lost items to the Sailing Program Director so it can be repaired or replaced.
8. Each person checking out a sailboat is responsible for any damages to the boat, other property (in the event of a collision), or any damaged, lost or stolen equipment that may occur while they are using the boat.

