



Worser Bay Boating Club Inc.

WBBC POLICY: USE OF WBBC CHASE BOATS OUTSIDE OF CLUB ACTIVITIES

The rescue boat policy outlines the guidelines for the use of WBBC's rescue boats.

Scope

This policy applies to all members, employees, contractors, and volunteers of WBBC.

Principles

WBBC chase boats are essential for club activities and are prioritized accordingly. They are integral to WBBC's boating operations, and without them, our activities cannot proceed. All club chase boats are designated for club use and are not available for use in other locations by default. However, exceptions can be made to support events in other locations under exceptional circumstances.

The criteria for considering applications are as follows:

- Formal request from other clubs for additional support craft, or
- A large event with multiple WBBC sailors attending, which would significantly benefit from the presence of a support boat (as a guide, a minimum of 10 sailors would be expected before a support boat is considered), or
- An event for new sailors or new junior sailors from WBBC that would strongly benefit from having a support boat present, enabling them to compete effectively.

Applications

Applications will be reviewed by the committee on a case-by-case basis. Requests must be submitted in advance to allow sufficient time for review at the next monthly committee meeting, with the following decision guidelines:

- The offer may be rescinded at short notice if there is a mechanical failure of another boat, leaving the club short of boats for its own events.
- The boat will be entrusted to **one financial club member** who will be deemed responsible for it.
- The member must be an experienced chase boat driver with several seasons of experience supporting racing, regattas and/or coaching events.
- The member is responsible for ensuring the trailer is in a roadworthy condition in the week prior to use, including a wheel bearing check, lights check, tow ball clamp check, and



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ensuring current WOF & Rego. Any required maintenance or repairs must be undertaken by the member or arranged without adding additional workload to the Boatmaster.

- The boat will be utilized to support all WBBC sailors/members attending the event, and its resources must be divided equally among all members.
- The member is responsible for returning the boat in the same condition as it was provided, and any repairs must be organized and resolved by the member at their own expense.

Costs

The general expectation is that costs associated with the chase boat will be shared among the benefiting sailors. However, members may apply to have associated travel costs reimbursed by the club.

- Applicants must demonstrate that the boat significantly enhanced the experience for a significant number of WBBC sailors and will have ongoing benefits in growing and developing the fleet of sailors at WBBC.
- The committee will review applications on a case-by-case basis and may choose to reimburse any proportion of the cost.

Internal Controls

1. WBBC, along with its members, employees, contractors, and volunteers, will utilise the rescue boats primarily for their intended purpose, which is to provide support and conduct rescues.
2. Individuals operating the rescue boats must adhere to the relevant sections of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 and Maritime NZ guidelines, including any exemptions granted by Yachting NZ.
3. WBBC will adhere to the safety and maintenance guidelines recommended by Yachting NZ for the operation of rescue boats.
4. WBBC will ensure that only competent skippers and crew members are authorised to operate rescue boats. Skippers will be fully briefed on their ultimate responsibility for the safe operation of the boat.
5. No individual may serve as a skipper for a rescue boat unless they have completed WBBC's Rescue Boat Driver Training Course.
6. Individuals under the age of 15 are prohibited from being in command of a rescue boat unless they are under the direct supervision of a person over the age of 15 who is within immediate reach of the boat controls, in accordance with Maritime NZ Rule Part 91.5.



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7. All rescue boat skippers will be responsible for ensuring the correct equipment is carried each time the boat is used.
8. All rescue boat skippers will wear 'kill cords' and lifejackets.
9. WBBC will ensure the rescue boats, and the equipment they carry, are well maintained and relevant records kept.

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