

Dinghy Sailors P&P

Responsibilities

- Sailing time per client is 30 minutes.
- Skippers will give way to all craft within SSC/Mooloolaba Harbor sailing zone.
- Skippers will sail within the SSC gazette sailing zone.
- Skippers will keep Sailability 1/2 in site during every sailing session they conduct.
- Dinghy sailors must comply with the SSC sailing plan and safety boat requests.
- Volunteer sailors may refuse a client for any reason but should be sensitive to the feelings and needs of others.

Pre-departure

- Check that all boat equipment is present and all systems are working correctly.
- Check that the centreboard is in the fully down position.
- Check that the client's lifejacket is securely fastened.
- Check that the client is sun protected and comfortable.
- If needed a "spacer" will be used with some clients.
- Check with the carer re specific needs or potential problems of which you should be aware.

Leaving the pontoon

- Pontoon volunteers should not release the boat until the sailor requests it.
- Sheet in the sails – this will ensure you have steerage.
- Outgoing tide and little wind may require assistance from the safety boat.
- Be aware of the public boat ramp – 303 boats have a draft of 1 metre.

Sailing

Sailing will occur in the Harbour between "A" finger of the Mooloolaba Marine and The Wharf

Complex unless otherwise instructed by the safety boat or the OOD.

- Be familiar with the SSC Sailing Plan and sail only in sailing zones shown.
- Sail in view of the safety boat as much as possible.
- Sail with other dinghies where possible to make monitoring easy for the safety boat.
- If uncomfortable with wind conditions, return to the pontoon and reef sails. The boat will be more comfortable and easier to control.
- Endeavour to return to the pontoon on time, especially when other clients are waiting.
- Light wind and outgoing tide can be difficult – stay clear of the Marina and if uncertain, request a tow from the safety boat.
- Where possible, keep to the right on the main channel.
- Keep a good lookout for traffic, especially behind you. Sail out of the path of traffic as early as possible.

YOU DO NOT HAVE RIGHT OF WAY.

Docking

- When returning to the pontoon stay well clear of the launching ramp to the east of the pontoon and stay to the south of the white indicator pole on the southern end of the same ramp. Remember your boat needs 1 mt. of water to clear the centreboard.
- Approach the pontoon upwind where possible.
- Await your turn to dock. Boats unloading at the personnel crane can take a little longer. Be patient. The pontoon volunteers know their job.
- As you arrive, release all sheets, the pontoon volunteers will catch you.
- Be sure clients' arms and hands are inside the boat.
- Wait for the carer to arrive at the side of your boat. It is not your responsibility to help the client leave/get out of your boat.
- If your client is a lift and wearing a lifting sling, wait for the carer to make sure the lifting clips are properly reattached on the sling the client is wearing so they can be lifted safely back onto the pontoon.
- Then wait for your next client.