



Stand Up Paddle Boarding at RPYC



Introduction

Royal Perth Yacht Club (RPYC) has six Stand Up Paddle Boards (SUP) suitable for beginner to intermediate use for participants of varying ages and physical capability.

RPYC's recommended board specification capacity is 105kg.

This policy outlines the conditions and requirements for participation:

- Usage and Induction
- Issuing use
- Ratios
- Damage and Incident Reporting
- Terms and Conditions of Use
- Area of Operation
- Liability and Risk

Usage and Induction

It is the responsibility of each user to communicate their paddling plan to a responsible person of their choosing and to notify them on their return to shore.

No SUP may be used outside the set Operational Boundaries.

It is each user's responsibility to return equipment in good order, to report any damage and to lock the SUP Compound.

SUPs may be used as a contingency option for RPYC courses on days not suited to sailing. This usage will be under strict direct supervision at all times:

- Tackers
- Junior Dinghy
- Junior Development Squad

The boards shall be available for use by RPYC members aged seven and above at no cost.

All individuals wishing to use a SUP must undergo an induction to be carried out by a member of the Club Administration. The induction will cover:

- Safety on the water
- Familiarity with SUP equipment
- Safe carrying of your equipment
- Basic paddle strokes and turns
- Correct posture and position whilst paddling
- Safe entry and exit from the water
- Terms and conditions of use
- Area of operation and;
- This policy

Participants can be hurt or injured during this activity so the induction is a mandatory requirement for all users with the objective to protect users and the assets of RPYC from potential hazard.

Upon completion of the induction, individuals agree to the 'conditions of use' and complete the SUP User's Declaration.

Boards shall be available on a "First in, First served" basis.

Operating times are Daylight hours only.

Only people who have completed the Induction may use the SUPs.

Junior members (aged seven and above) may only use the boards when in the company of an adult.

All 6 boards, paddles and lifejackets are stored on a racking system located in the Laser compound. The boards and paddles will be locked when not in use and the code only issued on completion of the induction.

Issuing use

Prior to session;

1. Each paddler must before departing inform their responsible person of the intended paddling plan and expected time of arrival back on shore.
2. Participants must ensure that the weather conditions are suitable for paddling.
3. User details must be entered into the User Log located in the compound.
4. A lifejacket must be worn whilst using the board.
5. The SUP Compound must be locked after taking boards out.

After the session;

1. Board, paddle and lifejacket must be washed down and returned to the storage rack.
2. User(s) complete the User Log.
3. Each paddler must inform their responsible person of their safe return.
4. The SUP Compound must be locked after replacing the boards.
5. Any damage/incident must be reported to the Club Administration.
6. User(s) may be liable for any damage caused to the equipment due to misuse.

Ratios

In a course situation the maximum ratio is 6 boards per instructor (on SUP or RIB).

All junior members must be supervised by an adult. The ratio of adults should be 1:3.

Damage and Incident Reporting

Each participant is responsible for reporting of any defects or damage noted during use on the Club Boats Maintenance Report Form provided at Reception or the CDO Office.

All incidents which result in either damage to a SUP, or injury to the participant, must be recorded on a RPYC Accident Report Form or Vessel Damage Form available from Reception or the CDO Office. These forms are to be lodged with the Club Administration as soon as possible (preferably not more than 12 hours) following the incident occurring.

Terms and Conditions of Use

As a condition of use participants must agree to the following;

1. Accept that they shall be solely responsible for their decision to participate or cease participation at any time.
2. You are responsible for all loss or damages to the equipment.
3. You will stay within the designated Area of Operation as shown.
4. The first time on water you must stay within the confines of the marina.
5. You will wear a PFD and Appropriate Clothing.
6. The board's leash must be worn at all times.
7. You must always inform a responsible person of your choosing, your intended activity and expected return to shore time as well as informing them of your safe return.
8. You warrant to Royal Perth Yacht Club that you are a person that is reasonably fit and able to use and maneuver stand up paddle boards and do not suffer from any or any significant injury, illness or infirmity that would prevent or hinder your use of a stand up paddle board.
9. You indemnify Royal Perth Yacht Club, its employees, servants and agents, regardless of any negligence, against all losses incurred by way of damage to public or personal property or for personal injury to you or any other person; You agree to indemnify Royal Perth Yacht Club for any and all injuries or illness howsoever incurred associated with either directly, indirectly or incidental to the use of Stand Up Paddle Boards including whether such injury or illness occurred during the use of the Stand Up Paddle Boards or within a reasonable time thereafter.
10. Royal Perth Yacht Club reserves the right to refuse to offer the use of boards to any person at the absolute and unfettered discretion of Royal Perth Yacht Club its employees, servants and agents.
11. Acknowledge that they have read and understand this Policy and Instruction Sheet.

Liability and Risk

While it is an exciting pastime, Stand Up Paddle Boarding does involve some dangers that are unpredictable.

All participants are 100% responsible for their own safety and RPYC, its Members, Non-Members, Visitors, staff and its contractors accept no liability.

Parents/Guardians must read and sign the Disclaimer Form if a participant is under the age of 18.

Area of operation

1. For your first paddling session you must stay within the confines of the RPYC Marina.
2. When outside the Marina area you must stay within the Matilda Bay mooring area on the shore side of the line from the western end of F Jetty to the UWA Boatshed.
3. Particular care must be taken when paddling in a sea breeze/offshore breeze and staying close to the shore is recommended in these conditions.
4. Onshore breezes will make the conditions very choppy outside the Marina so staying inside the Marina is recommended.



Stand Up Paddle Boards – Areas of Operation

