



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP Richmond River Sailing & Rowing Club Inc.  
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**MEMBERS DECLARATION**

*I (and my family as shown above) agree to be bound by the rules of the Richmond River Sailing & Rowing Club inc. and understand and accept that I/we may be required to perform and undertake duties as notified. I/We have read and signed the Risk Notice/ Disclaimer and Reducing Risk Notice attached to this form.*

Signed: .....Date:.....

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**BOAT INSURANCE DECLARATION**

Every boat racing at RRSRC must be covered with Third Party Property and Public Liability Insurance to the sum of at least \$10,000,000 and this cover is to be maintained whenever sailing or storing a boat at RRSRC. (The insurance within YA membership does NOT cover this.) All members must be insured to complete in club races. The onus is on each sailor to be certain their boat is suitably insured all year.

*I declare that the boat ..... listed over to race with RRSRC in my name is insured to the above requirements.*

Signed ..... Date .....

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**CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN:** (for Juniors under 18 yrs. only)

*I, .....being the Parent / Guardian of the above junior member(s) do hereby consent to their becoming a member of Richmond River Sailing & Rowing Club and agree to be responsible for all fees payable by them to the Club. I have read and signed the Risk Notice/ Disclaimer and Reducing Risk Notice attached to this form.*

Signature ..... Date .....

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**NEW MEMBERS:**

New members need to be nominated and seconded by existing club members and agreed to by the committee before membership is valid:

**Nominated by:**.....**Seconded by:**.....

Important: Please complete this form in ALL DETAILS and return ASAP to the treasurer (Norm Hunt). Details are required for YA membership, which is compulsory for the club.

**Club Duty**

All members are expected to do duty one Sunday during the season. Duty includes canteen duty, attending to the tower and assisting with the rescue boat. 2 people are generally required for duty. Please indicate below your preferred dates for duty to make it easier for setting up a roster.

1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

***Please read & sign the Risk notice over...***

RISK WARNING - RRS&RC

This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by the Richmond River Sailing Club (RRSC) and the Waterways Authority (trading as NSW Maritime) pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by RRSC.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death. River sailing also has an increased risk.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of a vessel may be lost, resulting in collision between vessels or with objects.
- The potential that the vessel will run aground or hit a floating object, especially after heavy rain.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility of capsizes or that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel, which may include being hit by a boom, sail or rope swinging or flapping in the wind either ashore or afloat.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- Sunburn and the possibility of skin cancer from sun exposure to unprotected skin.
- Injury or infection from standing on sharp objects in the sand.

RRSC and NSW Maritime also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with RRSC.

Participants are also advised that although RRSC is covered by third party liability insurance, the law relating to negligence and damages and the terms of the Civil Liability Act 2002 make it highly improbable that they would be successful in claiming any compensation in respect of any injury or loss sustained as a result of participating in a RRSC event. Also participants are not covered under any insurance policy held by RRSC for any injury or damage that they may cause as a result of their participation in the RRSC event.

Any participant who considers that they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.

It is noted that a personal accident insurance policy is available with subscription to membership of Yachting NSW.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

Please sign:

I have read and understood the above Risk Warning and agree that I have chosen to participate in the sport of sailing at my own risk.

I acknowledge that none of, NSW Maritime nor Richmond River Sailing Club nor any employee, official, volunteer or member of those bodies will be liable in any way in relation to the death, bodily injury, loss or damage which may be suffered or incurred by me or the minors for whom I am responsible as a result of our participation in any RRSC event.

In agreeing to participate and accepting the risks associated with the sport of sailing I provide the following information;

Full Name	*			
Signature				
Date				

\*Please insert detail of Responsible Adult in relation to Minor members first

REDUCING RISK

You can help reduce risk to yourself and any minors whom you supervise by following these guidelines:

- Always wear a life jacket and adequate sun protection and carry water while sailing.
- Always wear footwear while sailing or on the beach or club premises.
- Always examine the sand you intend to walk on and look out for sharp objects.
- Always check the weather forecast before going sailing. You are responsible for the decision as to whether to sail or continue sailing and for ensuring the people on your boat are competent for the conditions. Wear warm clothes in cold or windy weather and carry drinking water.
- Do not run or skylark when around the RRSC, especially on the front and back steps.
- Beware of flapping sails and swinging booms while sailing and on land.
- The RRSC is not responsible for supervising minors while ashore. This is the responsibility of their parents or delegated adult.