



KING HARBOR YOUTH FOUNDATION

280 Yacht Club Way, Redondo Beach, California 90277

'Blue Boat' Usage Policy

Policy:

The following policies shall govern the usage of the "Blue Boat" Martin 242 owned by the King Harbor Youth Foundation.

Purpose of the Rental Program:

The primary purposes of the KHYF Blue Boat rental program is to enhance the access to sailing of individuals at a reasonable rate while covering the costs of maintaining the vessel and running the rental program at a high level for all participants.

Keelboat Director :

1. The Keelboat Director of the King Harbor Youth Foundation (KHYF) will be responsible for:
 - a. Coordinating the usage of the vessels according to KHYF policies and procedures.
 - b. Overseeing the maintenance and upkeep of the vessels.

"Qualified Individual"-(QI)

1. To be considered eligible for the usage program, an individual, age 18 or older, shall demonstrate a minimum competency of sailing and navigation ability and be designated as a 'Qualified Individual' (QI) by the Keelboat Director or his/her staff.
2. Competency is defined as:
 - a. possessing the ability to operate the vessel in a manner such that no persons or property in the immediate area are threatened or damaged by their actions
 - b. possessing the ability to safely rig, dock and maneuver the vessel within the confines of the pre-determined area of usage
 - c. knowledgeable in the usage of all safety gear and procedures
3. The Qualified Individual will be required to:
 - a. demonstrate the above listed skills to a certified representative of the KHYF via a "Qualification Check-Out" before they will be allowed to operate the vessel without supervision. This should be completed at a previously decided date prior to any usage.
 - b. successfully complete a Boating Safety Course approved by the California Department of Boating and Waterways and present their certificate to the Sailing Director. The list of approved courses can be found at: <http://www.dbw.ca.gov/BSCourses.asp> Although California has no mandatory boating education requirements, the CA Department of Boating and Waterways recommends taking a boating safety class offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, US Power Squadrons or American Red Cross. These courses usually have a registration fee. A free internet course is offered by BoatU.S. and can be found at: <http://www.boatus.com/> Follow the links to "Boating Safety" and then "Boater's Safety Course."
4. Once a certified representative has approved the 'qualified individual' for use of the vessel, they will maintain that approval for two years, after which they will have to be re-approved for the use of KHYF vessels. Re-approval is at the discretion of the Keelboat director. Responsible users with a clean track record will more than likely just be re-approved.

Qualified Individual Responsibilities:

1. QI's are expected to be knowledgeable and compliant of all KHYF policies regarding keelboat usage.
2. The QI will be held liable for damage to other persons or property resulting from any willful negligence or gross misconduct.
3. The QI will be responsible for making sure that the vessel is returned in the same condition, or better than, they found it. If there is any damage to the vessel, or any equipment is not functioning properly, the QI is required to fill out a "Maintenance Request Form" which can be found on the boat.
4. QI's are expected to recognize that they will be accessing the grounds of the King Harbor Yacht Club during the time they are using the KHYF keelboats and will be subject to all applicable rules and Bylaws as specified by the King Harbor Yacht Club. (Note: KHYC rules state that only Members, guests accompanied by members, or authorized individuals can access the KHYC grounds.)

Sign-Up Procedure:

1. All requests for use of the boat must be coordinated with the Keelboat Director via an e-mail to: KHYFcoach@gmail.com. The Director will confirm via an e-mail or phone call response and reserving your spot on the rental boat calendar.
2. A minimum of 24 hour notice is strongly requested (we prefer +48 hours) in order to ensure the Keelboat Director or their staff will have time to confirm the request and make sure the vessel is prepared and available. Note: The Keelboat Director is NOT always working (particularly on Mondays, please take that into consideration with your advance notice).
3. Once a sign-up is confirmed, refunds are permitted if we receive cancellation notice twenty-four hours prior to actual scheduled departure time, or if the weather prohibits usage or if the vessel is not operable during the assigned timeframe.
4. On the day and time of usage, the QI shall complete and sign the 'Check-Out' form prior to leaving the dock and the 'Check-In' form upon return.

Equipment:

1. The following equipment is expected to be provided for each use of the keelboats:
 - a. One full set of working sails, including: main, jib, and spinnaker.
 - b. All necessary lines and rigging for use of these sails.
 - c. All necessary safety gear as required by the US Coast Guard for vessels under 27 feet.

Usage Rules:

1. All individuals on board a KHYF vessel at any time are expected to:
 - a. Wear a proper sized US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device at all times. Six PFD's are on board the boat, however, it is expected each individual bring an appropriate life preserver for themselves.
 - b. Complete the 'KHYF Waiver of Liability' prior to going aboard. Forms are available at the sign-up area and on the KHYF website www.khyf.org. They are to be completed and left at the liability drop-box in the sign-up area prior to going aboard a KHYF keelboat.

Limitations of Use:

1. A maximum of six individuals or 1,000 pounds (whichever is less) are allowed on board.
2. Range of operation is limited to the area of a five mile radius from "G" mark at the entrance of King Harbor Marina. An exception may be granted by the Keelboat Director on a special case basis for Qualified individuals wishing to participate in an event on the waters outside of Marina del Rey. In this case, the vessel shall never leave five miles from shore.
3. Use is not permitted when wind strength is above 20 knots unless approved by the Keelboat Director. Should the weather become severe while out on the water, it is the responsibility of the Qualified Individual to bring the boat in. Usage is not permitted with air or water temperature below 40F.

Usage Fees:

1. The "Qualified Check-Out" with a representative of the KHYF is:
 - a. One person: \$50 (this covers the cost of our staff for the required timeframe).
 - b. Two or more persons: \$25/person (max of three per check-out)
2. Qualified Individuals will be charged as follows for usage of the 'Blue Boat' with 'standard' sails:
 - a. Four Hours: \$60
 - b. Full Day: \$120
 - c. Two Consecutive Days: \$200
3. QI's who do not leave the boat in a state of cleanliness may be charged up to a \$40 clean-up fee.

Release of Liability:

1. All individuals using the KHYF keelboats are required to sign a waiver stating they release the King Harbor Youth Foundation and King Harbor Yacht Club from liability for any incidences occurring on the vessel.
2. The King Harbor Youth Foundation Liability Release reminds all participating individuals of risks inherent to the sport of sailing. Any person using the KHYF sailing equipment recognizes these risks and agrees to release the KHYF and KHYC from any liability associated with this risk in accordance with the liability release to be signed prior to boarding any vessel.
3. The KHYF, its staff, KHYC or any designate thereof reserve the right to refuse access to these vessels to any individual at any time.