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Hire & Drive Vessels – Requirements for Sailboards

1. General:

This guidance note should be read in conjunction with the Northern Territory Marine (Hire and Drive Vessel) Regulations.

2. Sailboards: - General Requirements

A sailboard which is intended for use as a hire and drive vessel shall:

- (a) be of an established and proven design and build. Basic details will be required. “Backyard” builds will not be accepted.
- (b) be of good repair and be in a serviceable condition.
- (c) have sails capable of being rigged or derigged while the sailboard is afloat.
- (d) where centreboards are removable, they must be capable of floating.
- (e) have an end cap securely fitted to the top of the mast.
- (f) have up haul lines of rope not less than 12 mm in diameter, **or**, an acceptable webbing strap.
- (g) have adequate non skid surface on the board.
- (h) have buoyancy vests (complying with Australian Standard AS1499), to be worn at all times.

Operation of these sailboards will be permitted in **Daylight hours only**

3. Inspection of Sailboards

The following items will be inspected:

- (a) overall condition of craft.
- (b) hull integrity, foils, mast, mast step, universal joint, sails and wishbone.
- (c) mast end caps.
- (d) centreboards, in that they are not loose when fitted and are in good condition.
- (e) non skid surfaces.
- (f) buoyancy vests.
- (g) identification number.

4. **Other requirements of the Hire and Drive Regulations will need to be satisfied including, but not limited to:**

- (a) Rigging/De-rigging instruction and a suitable ability assessment.
- (b) Provision of an emergency plan to be approved by the Marine Safety Branch.
- (c) Area of operation to be approved by the Marine Safety Branch.
- (d) Hire and Drive number clearly marked on the board.

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