



Sailability Shorncliffe

Queensland Australia

Sail Safe PONTON BOAT SKIPPER

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Sail Safe PONTON BOAT SKIPPER PROGRAM STATEMENT

Sail Safe is Sailability Shorncliffe's accreditation program for sailing and motorboat skippers operating at Sailability Shorncliffe. It is a practical, commonsense program with a clear focus on sail competency and safety.

Pontoon Boat skippers will familiarise themselves with the Pontoon Boat, as well as the boating conditions and navigational requirements of Cabbage Tree Creek, Bramble Bay and surrounding waterways. Skippers are coached in procedures and protocols to safely operate the boat and ensure the safety of those onboard, on the pontoon and on the water.

The Sail Safe Pontoon Boat Skipper program requires the prospective skipper to already have a current Queensland Recreational Marine Driver Licence or equivalent before any coaching is commenced. Coaching and accreditation sign off to be conducted by an accredited and experienced Pontoon Boat skipper.

Ongoing coaching and support is provided to skippers to improve and practice knowledge and skills. Regular maintenance and training days also provide opportunities to review and practice procedures.



Sail Safe PONTON BOAT SKIPPER COMPETENCY SIGN OFF

Skipper* **Date**

Skippers should be familiar with the Sailability Shorncliffe 'Pontoon Boat Safety and Operational Guidelines', plus all other relevant Sailability Shorncliffe policies and procedures.

Area	Knowledge/Skills**	Confirmed
Pre-launch awareness and safety checks	• Awareness of the day's sailing conditions • Readiness of the boat for sea including fuel and safety equipment checks • Awareness of radio protocols for UHF and VHF channels	• Yes / No • Yes / No • Yes / No
Boat handling skills during launch, retrieval and on water operation	• Demonstrated knowledge and control of the boat during launch and retrieval procedures • Demonstrated safe maneuvering of the boat in waterways • Demonstrated safe exiting and docking at a pontoon in a variety of conditions	• Yes / No • Yes / No • Yes / No
Understanding of procedures for carrying passengers	• Demonstrated knowledge of passenger loading and unloading procedures • Demonstrated knowledge of the pontoon boat operating procedures when exiting and returning to the pontoon with passengers • Demonstrated knowledge when operating the pontoon boat in Cabbage Tree Creek and Bramble Bay	• Yes / No • Yes / No • Yes / No
Understanding of actions required in urgent/ emergency situations	• Awareness of adverse weather procedures • Knowledge of actions for person overboard (POB) • Knowledge of on water procedures to be used in a range of emergency situations including injury, collision, fire and loss of power	• Yes / No • Yes / No • Yes / No

**A current Queensland Recreational Marine Driver Licence or equivalent has been sighted and recorded.*

***Any of the above competencies may be deemed to have been met if the skipper has recently demonstrated experience for that requirement.*

This document confirms that the requirements for the safe operation of the Sailability Shorncliffe Pontoon Boat have been met under the Sailability Shorncliffe Sail Safe program.

Signed (Skipper)

Name and signature for Sailability Shorncliffe