

Port Curtis Sailing Club  
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**DINGHY USE POLICY**  
(previously known as Pacer Use Policy)

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of the Club dinghy vessels (currently Pacers, BICs and Impulse) is to provide a platform for training full and/or junior members in sailing, primarily under instructor/coach guidance.

**2. Criteria**

The club dinghies are primarily for the use of full ordinary and/or junior members of the Port Curtis Sailing Club (PCSC).

Consideration can be given to competent bonafied visiting sailors and past members holding a current Yachting Australia Silver Card. Pre-arranged approval from the PCSC Sailing Committee is preferred however race day requests can be evaluated by the Principle Race Officer and two (2) Committee Members (Sailing Committee or Management Committee). It is the responsibility of the sailor to demonstrate their sailing competency to the satisfaction of the evaluation panel. The decision of the evaluation panel is final. Except for the waiver of PCSC Member any approved use shall otherwise comply in full with this policy, and the Sailing Instructions. Special attention is drawn to Clause 3.8 of the Sailing Instructions which permits up to three (3) sails in the season for new or casual sailors.

Priority will be given to club sanctioned training programs i.e. sail training, lessons and local events, as required to achieve an appropriate skill level.

Secondary usage will be decided upon written application for outside club sanctioned programs via pre-approval from the Sailing Committee. The application must nominate type of training program, instructor and/or coach, dates and support vessel requirements. Applications will be considered subject to availability, type of training required and risk of damage to vessel and complimentary equipment.

**3. User Responsibilities**

A checklist for users to inspect gear before and after usage is available and must be completed to ensure familiarization and that all equipment is in full working order.

Any problems found must be reported to club personnel as soon as possible.

The user will be financially responsible to repair any damage or loss as a result of own irresponsible behavior or negligence.

A PCSC incident report must be completed the same day as any incident involving damages or injury's with corroboration by instructor and/or coach.

**4. Indemnity**

Failure to comply with PCSC Dinghy Use Policy may negate the insurance cover held thereby making the liability for the replacement costs of the boat and the equipment the full financial responsibility of the user.

Full ordinary and/or junior members must be financial at the time of use.

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**5. Revision History**

<b>Version</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Original	2008	Sailing Committee	Provide guidelines for use of new club Pacers
Rev1	Dec 2008		Policy adopted December 2008
Rev2	18-11-2014	Sailing Committee	Policy renamed from Pacer Use Policy to Dinghy Use Policy. Amended to incorporate all club dinghies and align with current strategic goals to develop sailing. Presented to Management Committee meeting on 30-4-15 for adoption
Rev 3	1-5-2015	Feedback from 2014/15 Management Committee	Policy presented to the April 2015 Management Meeting, approved in principle with the inclusion of definition of Committee Member and reference to Sailing Instructions.