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Keelboat and High Performance Vessel Runaround Policy

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References:

Limited Damage Waiver - [Limited Damage Waiver](#)

Definitions:

Keelboat - A Sonar 23, Rhodes 19, or Ideal 18.

High Performance Vessel- Zim 420E, ILCA (Laser)

Responsible party- A person with the appropriate qualifications, membership, and ratings to operate the vessel under the current conditions who is either (a) the operator, or (b) is supervising an unqualified operator.

Operator - The person at the helm, operating the vessel.

Runaround- running aground on any shoreline or islands

Policy:

Any keelboat or high performance vessel involved in a runaround will be recovered by a safety launch and towed back to the mooring/dock. The involved vessel will be removed from service for an inspection. Penalties will be applied per the procedure section below. If the runaround occurs within a marked channel, while taking a test, or in a class, they will be allowed to continue sailing on and no penalties will apply. Upon return of the vessel it will be removed from service for inspection.

Procedure:

Penalties:

Ratings for the current flag color will be suspended and a \$250 runaround fee will be billed to the responsible party.

Responsible party will be determined in the following order:

- An operator who is appropriately qualified, has an active membership and is rated to operate the vessel under the current conditions is the responsible party.
- An appropriately qualified participant who transfers control of the helm to an unqualified operator is the responsible party
- If multiple appropriately qualified parties are onboard and the operator is appropriately qualified; they are the responsible party.
- If multiple appropriately qualified parties are onboard and the operator is not appropriately qualified; the appropriately qualified participant who transfers control of the helm to the unqualified operator is the responsible party. n.b. The relationship of the persons onboard the vessel has no bearing on the assignment of the responsible party i.e. If John and Jane are both appropriately rated for the vessel and Jane hands her friend Julie the tiller then Jane would be the responsible party. If Jane is not appropriately rated and John hands the tiller to Julie then John is the responsible party.

Reinstatement of ratings:

1st incident in a rolling 60 day period - Ratings reinstated following successful completion of the on the water rating test

2nd incident in a rolling 60 day period - Written evaluation with program director and on the water retest.

3rd incident in a rolling 60 day period - All ratings for the vessel rescinded and may not be retested during the current season.

Inspection:

The hull will be marked out of service and will not return to service until the Fleet Maintenance team is able to inspect the hull for new damage.

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