

MEMBER'S DECLARATION

I/we (and all associated family members as listed above) agree to be **bound by the rules of the Tweed Valley Sailing Club Inc.** and understand and accept that I/we may be required to perform and undertake duties as notified. I/we have read the **Supporting Your Club** note attached, the **Risk Warning below and the Reducing Risk Notice** attached and agree to accept the risks associated with the sport of sailing. I/we give consent for any juniors noted above to participate in TVSC events and acknowledge that it is my/our responsibility, or that of a delegated adult, to **supervise any persons under the age of 18** included on this membership application.

TVSC RISK WARNING *(Notice Issued 19 Sept 2012)*

This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by the Tweed Valley Sailing Club (TVSC) and the Waterways Authority (trading as NSW Roads & Maritime) pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by TVSC.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, **sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.** River sailing also has an increased risk.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of a vessel may be lost, resulting in collision between vessels or with objects.
- The potential that the vessel will run aground or hit a floating object, especially after heavy rain.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility of capsizes or that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel, which may include being hit by a boom, sail or rope swinging or flapping in the wind either ashore or afloat.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- Sunburn and the possibility of skin cancer from sun exposure to unprotected skin.
- Injury or infection from standing on sharp objects in the sand.

TVSC and NSW Maritime also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with TVSC. Any participant who considers that they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.

It is noted that a **personal accident insurance** policy is available with membership of YNSW/YA (included with TVSC membership).

REDUCING RISK (TVSC Notice Issued 19 Sept 2012)

You can help reduce risk to yourself and any minors whom you supervise by following these guidelines:

- Always wear a life jacket with inbuilt buoyancy (**PFD Level 50/Type2** minimum for TVSC events). PFD Level100 (PFDs with collars) are NOT recommended for dinghy sailing on enclosed waters.
- Use adequate **sun protection** and keep **hydrated**, even on cooler days. Carry water while sailing.
- Always wear **footwear** while sailing or launching boats – especially Fingal Head boat ramp.
- Always examine the sand or grass you intend to walk on and look out for sharp objects.
- Always **check the weather forecast** before going sailing. As skipper of your boat you are responsible for the decision as to whether to sail or continue sailing and for ensuring the people on your boat are competent for the conditions.
- Wear warm clothes (100%wool layers) + a windproof jacket in cold or windy weather.
- **Beware** of flapping sails and swinging booms while sailing and on land.
- **Attend the briefing** at the start of any TVSC event and **always sign on and off** so we know you are here.

CLUB INFORMATION

The TVSC thrives due to the combined effort of all members. **Any** way in which you are able to contribute will be of benefit. Contact Committee or DUTY OFFICERS to get involved.

- **SAFETY BOAT DRIVERS** (boat licensed) and **Crew** are needed for every sailing event. (Training provided). YA Training courses also available at no charge.
- **DUTY OFFICERS**, Race Start Officials (Start flags and the start horn) and Race Timekeepers. (Training required)
- **JUNIORS & LEARN TO SAIL COURSES**: Join the Juniors and/or LTS team; provide a boat; train to be a YA instructor.
- All events: Tent Set Up / Admin – Race Sign On etc ; **Photographer** for event reports
- Join the committee or take a turn at one of the jobs – Merchandise , updating the WEBSITE, responding to emails, Boat & trailer maintenance, organise the Bunnings BBQ and other fundraising events, **organise a social or sailing event**.
- **Under 18's** are encouraged to take on responsibilities too.
- **Tell others about the club** and **most important, JUST TURN UP** to be a part of Club events – spectators and onshore helpers are just as important as boats on the water.