



Pacer 27 Usage Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy document is to establish the minimum standards and requirements to ensure the safe operation, appropriate safety measures, appropriate sailing etiquette and ensure that due care is taken when operating the Royal Natal Yacht Club Pacer 27 sport boats. Adherence to the Pacer 27 Usage Policy will ensure that the fleet is maintained to the appropriate standard and is always available for the use and enjoyment of members and future generations while always promoting sailing and yachting lifestyle.

Procedure

The usage of the Pacer 27 fleet is applicable to all users, without exception, and is conditional upon the following:

- All persons making use of the Pacer 27 Fleet shall treat all vessels and equipment with the utmost respect as if it belongs to them personally and shall leave the vessels all equipment in the same condition as at the beginning of its usage.
- No vessel may be used, for any purpose whatsoever, without first being formally reserved with the Reception and the booking confirmed by the Sailing Manager.
- All the necessary documentation and inventory check out formalities being completed and the prescribed daily usage fee paid in full.
- Vessels shall be allocated to users, for casual use, on a random basis and vessels shall be allocated daily to protect the integrity of the one design nature of the boats and ensure that all vessels are maintained to an equal level. The allocation of vessels for regatta use shall be determined at the start of the event and shall remain in place for the duration of the event only. No swapping of vessels shall be permitted during an event.
- Yachts may not be used in winds above 25 knots.
- Life jackets must be worn at all times when on the water.
- Only footwear with non-marking soles shall be worn.
- The skipper/crew shall have suitable knowledge of emergency procedures.
- A VHF radio shall be on board and fully operational at all times.
- No marks or ground tackle of any kind shall be carried on board.
- No member of the crew is permitted to use any vessel while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substance.
- A damage deposit or insurance excess shall be paid in full prior to usage and the user shall acknowledge all the terms of any such payment and the circumstances under which a refund or partial refund may be permitted.
- The user shall be fully acquainted with the operation of the vessel and shall check that the vessel is in full working order and has all the required equipment as set out in the inventory form which shall be completed prior to departing from the moorings.
- No equipment is to be altered in any way or used for any purpose other than its intended purpose. Specifically:
 - Do not cross winch headsail sheets
 - Do not attach sheets to the fabric of spinnakers or perforate sails for any reason
 - Do not mark the hull, deck, sails or spars with permanent ink



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- Sheets or halyards may not be used for mooring or towing only those lines provided for towing and mooring shall be used for that purpose.
- No equipment shall be removed from any vessel or placed on another vessel.
- Any vessels proceeding offshore shall complete the offshore signing out register prior to departing from the moorings and shall comply with all requirements of the Port. The register shall again be completed immediately upon return to the moorings. Failure to do so is a contravention of Port requirements.
- All vessels are to be cleaned and returned after each daily usage in line with the maintenance and care instructions located onboard each vessel.
- The Maintenance and damage reports are to be completed and submitted at the conclusion of each usage session. All damages and repairs are for the account of the user.
- All sails and non-permanent equipment shall be stored below on board each vessel.
- All vessels are to be moored in a seamanlike fashion immediately upon return to the moorings with the correct use of fenders.

Youth Training, Development and Lear to Sail Programs

- An RNYC endorsed qualified coach shall be present on each vessel.
- Any usage outside the RNYC Youth Development Program by any Youth Member must be approved in writing in advance by the Sailing Manager.

Club Events, Regatta and General Usage

Includes Wednesday Twilight Series, Friday Twilight Series, Ladies Sailing & Saturday and Sunday Racing.

Other Regattas appropriate for use shall be determined by the Sailing committee. The Sailing Manager shall determine that the skipper and crew using the Pacer 27 have suitable experience to use the vessel in the prevailing weather conditions which shall include but is not limited to:

- The Skipper is a member in good standing of the RNYC
- Have proven sport boat sailing experience
- Completed a SAS keelboat course
- Knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- Experience in fleet racing
- Experience in handling boats in all weather conditions
- The skipper and crew can safely navigate to and from the marina facility under sail