



SPORTSBOAT FLEET

Experience the fun and exhilaration of sailing a Sportsboat at RFBYC



The Club has around 6-10 active Sportsboats sailing regularly, all of whom have active rotational crew rosters that they are wanting to add to.

The Sportsboat Fleet is a mixed design fleet that sails as a sub-fleet within Division 1 at RFBYC. This means we race the course with larger race yachts, as well as against other similar paced Sportsboats.

All experience levels are welcome, from learners to experienced sailors.

Upon receiving your interest in exploring participating in the Sportsboat Fleet, we would work with you to determine the best fit for you, your experience level and your desired participation frequency.

MORE INFORMATION:

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⋮ **Fast**
⋮ **Exhilarating**
⋮ **Close racing**

If you're looking to sail a faster, more responsive and exciting style of boat with some real exhilaration, then sailing Sportsboats is for you.



SO, WHAT IS A SPORTSBOAT?

Sportsboats tend to be characterised by historically large sail areas for a given hull length, especially downwind sails, light-weight construction, and a healthy reliance on crew weight to counterbalance heeling forces.

They usually feature lifting keels (for easy trail-ability) of a modern fin and bulb keel design and flatter, planing hull designs.

WHAT SORT OF RACING?

Club racing involves racing in Division 1 on Melville waters. Generally the races have an approximate duration of 2 hours 30mins, finishing at the Club finish line.

Sprint racing where the racing format provides 2-3 races in a session, lasting approximately 30-40 mins per race.

WHAT SPORTSBOAT DESIGNS ARE AT THE CLUB?

Shaw650 : 3-4 person, with optional trapeze

SB20 : 3 person, minimal hiking, high enjoyment

VXOne : 2-3 person, physical and punchy

Elliott 7 : 3-4 person, simple and fast

Melges 24 : 3-4 person, larger sail plan

Magic 25 : 3-4 person, with trapeze

Elliott 7.8 : 4-5 person, light weight flyer

Bethwaithe 89er : 5-7 person, cutting edge.



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