



BLAIRGOWRIE

YACHT SQUADRON INC.

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Title: Club Launching Ramp
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1. Background

The club launching ramp was developed many years ago primarily to enable the launching and recovery of trailable yachts by BYS members and guests wishing to participate in club organised activities.

Over time the ramp has been used by other types of water craft and on occasion by non-club members.

In order to confine access to authorised users the ramp has recently been made more secure by the installation of a padlocked chain that can be activated by a Number 1 key.

It has become clear in recent times that there is some uncertainty about precisely what types of water craft are authorised to use the ramp and accordingly this policy has been developed to remove such uncertainty surrounding ramp usage.

2. Policy

The primary function of the club is to assist and promote sailing and the use of the ramp needs to be in keeping with that function.

Accordingly, the usage of the Club Launching Ramp is to be for the launching and or retrieval of sailing vessels and or water craft that are either to be used to assist or support sailing vessels. Such support vessels will include RIB's and or small powerboats (whose length should be less than 6 metres), but specifically exclude PWC's e.g. jet skis. The only exception will be in the event of an emergency.

In addition, the interpretation of a suitable water craft will be at the discretion of the BYS GM who may make a determination from time to time taking into account the intent of this policy and the core purposes of BYS.

Furthermore, the ramp can only be accessed by Senior Members (who are entitled to have a boat on the club register) and those members must exercise due care in operating the ramp under the following guidelines:

- That the use of vehicle, trailer and ramp should be subject to usual safety standards
- That the senior member be mindful of the tides and weather conditions and that they operate their vehicle at their risk
- Senior member to ensure the chain and padlock is secured after use