

Delivery of the National Sailing Scheme in keelboats

Applies to:

- **RYA training centres recognised to offer the National Sailing Scheme**
- **RYA Centre Inspectors**
- **RYA Coach/Assessors**

The RYA National Sailing Scheme can be delivered in dinghies, keelboats and multihulls. The following information and related documents provide enhanced information on RYA recognition and the delivery of training for keelboats.

For courses run in keelboats, vessels with a length waterline of 7 metres or less will be considered.

Supplementary information evidencing self-sufficiency will be required by RYA Training when seeking recognition for:

- traditional/local design boats above a length waterline of 7 metres,
- the use of vessels for operation without a safety boat.

Areas of consideration may include recovery from knockdown, swamp test results, ballast ratio and stability information, as well as operational compliance with any local regulations such as additional instructor qualifications or boat coding/licensing requirements.

Centre Principals wishing to gain recognition to deliver the National Sailing Scheme in keelboats or operate a keelboat without dedicated safety cover must refer to the flow chart referenced in 'Related documents'. The flow chart contains information on suitable vessels for course delivery, and assessing the suitability of a vessel operating without the provision of dedicated safety cover.

Centre Inspectors:

Inspectors will continue to verify the vessels being used for teaching the National Sailing Scheme, ensuring suitable operation afloat through dedicated provision of safety cover.

If the centre wishes to operate a keelboat independently of safety cover, approval must have been granted by RYA Training.

Please refer to the related documents for information on assessing the suitability of keelboats and recording those which may be considered for operating without a dedicated safety boat.

Summary:

Enhanced guidance for the delivery of the National Sailing scheme in keelboats.

Consideration of the type of vessels that may be approved.

Operational requirements for the provision of safety cover or when operating keelboats independent of safety cover.

Related documents:

[Keelboat flow diagram](#) – to be used for assessing a keelboat's suitability within the National Sailing Scheme

[IR1 Inspection Form](#) – to indicate which keelboats may be used independently of a safety boat.

[TCD Training Checklist](#)

[RGN C5.10](#)

For guidance on other areas of RYA Training see www.rya.org.uk/training-support