

Richmond Yacht Club RS21 Operations

Overview

In late 2023 we took ownership of two RS21s through a generous donation by an anonymous RYC member. The boats are currently being assembled and the wheels are in motion to create programming and opportunities for our younger membership to access the boats.

The stated purpose of these boats is to “provide young RYC members ages 13-30 access to learning and developing race skills, teaching, and fostering the love for sailing while also fostering community amongst our club’s junior, youth collegiate, and young adult membership”.

Programming for these fun and exciting boats is broad with a mix of intro-to-sail, learn-to-sail, race skill development, fleet racing, youth racing development, and open sailing. Although the programming will be adjusted based on member desires, during the early stages the boats will be mainly used to introduce our youth to fast boats with asymmetrical spinnakers and young adults will have access once approved as ‘certified skippers’.

FAQs

- RYC youth members can access the boats through staffed sailing organized classes and practices.
- RYC Youth Collegiate, Regular and Associate members between the age of 18-30 who are certified skippers may use the boats for a fun sail, beer can race, PHRF racing, etc.
- Skippers and a majority of the crew members need to be 30 years old or younger.
- To become a certified skipper; You must first fill out the “RS21 Request for Check Out”, then schedule a session with the staffed sailing office. The check out process covers a broad list of required sailing skills. Once approved you can then access the boats by filling out the reservation sheet. Boats are available on a first come first serve basis.
- Fees
 - Youth programming will require a class participation fee which will cover the boat usage fee.
 - Charters for young adults: Check out ride = Free
4 hours or less = \$40
More than 4 hours = \$70

*****Thanks to many generous member donations the boats are free of charge for the first 18 uses.*****

- Event Usage- chartering a RS21 for an event or regatta must be reserved at least two weeks ahead of time. For a day sail or Beer Can racing n boats need to be reserved a week ahead of time. Reservations can be made via the RYC website by using the ‘RS21 Reservations Sheet’.