

Australian Sailing Keelboat Program

Suitable Vessels Guideline

The Australian Sailing Keelboat Program has been developed to provide a fun and accessible entry into sailing and gives participants further opportunity to improve and develop sailing skills and techniques.

In order to deliver the Keelboat program effectively and safely, vessels must meet the following:

- Comply with Australian Sailing Discover Sailing Centre Operating Standards and Guidelines
- Comply with any requirements of local or state government authorities and regulators
- Be responsive and self-righting
- Have a waterline length of less than 33-feet (10-metres)
- Be tiller-steered
- Have a mainsail able to be reefed
- Able to sailed with a maximum 5:1 Student to Instructor Ratio
- Able to reach all syllabus outcomes for the course on offer including roll-tacking and sailing backwards.

In general, vessels will not have either an inboard or outboard engine; however will be considered on application. Examples of vessels currently accepted to deliver the keelboat program include:

- Adams 10
- Bakewell-white 8m
- Beneteau 7
- Blazer 23
- Elliott 5.9, 6 and 7
- Etchells 22
- Farr 120
- J24, J70

- Magic 25
- Melges 20, 24
- Thomson 7
- Space Sailor 20/22/24
- S80
- Thomson 7
- Young 88

If your vessel does not fit the description above then please contact Australian Sailing to discuss your vessels suitability. Exceptions may be made on a case by case basis, but it must be clearly demonstrated that all aspects of the Keelboat syllabus can be delivered safely and without compromise to the program.