

L.C.S.C. Discover Sailing Centre News.

The request that we once again obtain DS Accreditation was made to the Executive by Charlie Hacker, Club Coach, and the Learn to Sail committee. The club has previously held accreditation but that had lapsed.

The reasons given for applying for accreditation again were this:

- Operating guidelines and policies would then be in place, thus ensuring adherence to insurance requirements and ensure that only qualified and insured coaches were running learn to sail classes in our club.
- By following Australian Sailing curriculum standards and guidelines, our students could get log- books, certificates and accreditation.
- Beginners were automatically insured for personal injury.
- Some parents had requested AS log-books that could be transferred from club to club, thereby ensuring that the learners had an accredited record of their achievements.
- We were advised that with new requirements, should we wish to offer any other Australian Sailing training courses, e.g. power boat handling, safety boat training, we would be required to have accreditation as a DS centre.

The Rear Commodore, Sue Germain, met with Fergus Gillander-Blagdon, the YQ Club representative for the area, and expressly asked Fergus about how we could run the courses, explaining to him that we do not charge for sailing lessons and that we don't run a set period course. (6 to 10 weeks being common.)

Fergus advised us that we could still register learners and it did not matter if they took a whole season to finish the required skills for a particular course. We did not have to charge people to learn to sail, but the learners would have to pay a once-off fee of \$14.50 registration costs and would receive a certificate when they had completed the required skills. They could also choose to pay \$20 for log-books or \$40 for the course pack if they particularly wanted them. These costs would be born by the learners and not the club. All new potential learners have been advised of these fees at the outset.

After our inspection, which we apparently passed with "flying colours", Sue lodged the completed application. We have been approved but still have not been invoiced. The annual fee to AS for our accreditation is \$275.

Discover Sailing will be set up on Rev Sport: Sue started this with Grant Willmot, who has taken over from Fergus, and will complete the set up with his help. Minyon Avent has agreed to take over the administration of Discover Sailing from that point on

For further information on Discover Sailing please refer to:

<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/discover-sailing-centres/>