



Booking Terms & Conditions

Charter Hire Agreement

1. Interpretation

The Operator includes the owner of the Boat, the Operator's subsidiaries, employees, directors, affiliates, agents and subcontractors appointed by the Operator. The Charterer includes the Charterer's guests, family, employees, agents and crew members. In this agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the singular includes the plural and vice versa, words denoting gender shall include all other gender, headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect construction of the agreement. Children are defined as persons under the age of sixteen years. Time is of the essence of this agreement.

2. Deliver

The Operator shall deliver the Boat at the Port of Delivery staunch, clean and in full commission ready for service at midday. The Operator may allow credit pro rata for charter fees covering periods of delay in delivery. The Operator has the right, at its discretion, to substitute a boat of similar type or to cancel the charter and to refund the charter fee. If the Operator fails to make delivery within twenty-four hours after the due time then the Charterer may cancel the agreement and a full refund of the charter fee will be paid. The Operator shall then have no further liability to the Charterer beyond that refund. The Charterer warrants that he will examine the Boat before taking delivery and by accepting the Boat shall be deemed to have satisfied himself that the Boat is staunch and properly outfitted for a yacht or motor cruiser of her type, size and accommodation. Should the Charterer not be ready to accept delivery of the Boat at the stated time for delivery for any reason the Operator has the right to set the time of delivery any time within the next twenty-four hour period. In that event there shall be no partial refund for any of the charter time lost. The charter period commences with the compulsory area briefing and boat familiarisation or sail orientation.

3. Payment and Cancellation

- A deposit on signing this agreement within 7 days of making your booking.
- The balance of the charter fee at least sixty days prior to commencement of the charter period. In the event the Charterer cancels this agreement by notice in writing received by the Operator more than sixty days prior to the commencement of the charter period, the deposit will be refunded in full less a service fee of \$100. If less than sixty days of notice of cancellation is given the full charter fee shall remain due and payable and will not be waived or refunded unless the Operator is able to obtain an alternative booking for the same charter period and at the same rate. If a lesser rate or a lesser period then there shall be only a pro rata refund.

4. Damage Levy Fee or Bond

The charterer shall pay a Damage Levy Fee or Bond.

- **Damage Levy Fee** is available for charters at the advertised daily rate. This protects the charterer against any major cost incurred to rectify damage to the boat and its fittings or loss of inventory, providing during the charter the boat is operated only in approved areas and in a safe and responsible manner in accordance with this agreement. This arrangement applies to a first incident only. Excludes toilet blockages which incur a fee of \$110 per blockage and propeller wrap or associated damage which incur a \$150 fee.
- **Bond** The Operator reserves the right (without showing cause) to apply a \$2500 bond to any charter plus a non refundable fee of \$100. In such case the Damage Levy Fee would not apply. The Bond, less any costs incurred due to damage or loss of vessel, or its equipment is refundable within 14 days after charter.

5. Inventory

At the time of delivery the Charterer shall, if requested by the Operator, complete, check and sign a record of inventory and on redelivery to attend to checking with the Operator and to countersign the record of inventory after checking. Any lost or damaged inventory item shall have all expenses relating to the loss or damage debited against the security bond if applicable.

6. Running Expenses

The Charterer shall pay all running expenses during charter period including pilotage, port charges, cruise guide and crew charges, service calls if applicable, refuelling costs, and provisions and supplies for him and his party. The charterer is required to provide credit card details and authorisation for payment to cover any outstanding **fees and charges.**

7. Competency

In this clause "competent person" means a person competent in the handling of the type of boat chartered including:

- Knowledge and practical experience of seamanship; and
- Knowledge and practical experience in the handling of inboard auxiliary powered sailing craft and associated equipment of the general type and size of boat.

- The Charterer warrants that he is a competent person in the handling and operations of the type of boat chartered.
- The Charterer undertakes not to permit any other person to operate the Boat unless that person is a competent person.
- Fluent English – being able to speak and understand communications in the English language.

The Operator reserves the right to require the Charterer and any other person who shall operate the Boat to demonstrate to the Operator that they are competent persons. Should the Operator not be satisfied with the competency of the Charterer, the Operator may require a cruise guide on board the Boat for such period as determined by the Operator. In the event that the Charterer or any other person is considered by the Operator to be an incompetent person as a result of any misleading, deceptive conduct or misrepresentation by the Charterer and upon which the Operator has relied to form an opinion then the Operator shall have the right to install a competent cruising guide aboard the Boat and at its election to terminate this agreement. The Operator shall have the right to recover all losses against the Charterer without any liability to refund or compensate the Charterer.

8. Navigation and Other Limits

The Charterer shall restrict the cruising of the Boat from 0800 to 1600 hours unless authorised by the Operator. The Charterer shall limit his cruising perimeter to the area and limitations clearly defined and specified by the Operator. The Boat shall be employed exclusively as a pleasure boat for the sole and proper use of members of the Charterer's party. The Charterer shall not carry on the Boat more than the specified number in the party and the Charterer shall not permit any other party, except competent persons within the Charterer's party, to operate the Boat unless the prior written permission of the Operator is obtained. The Charterer shall not race the Boat. The Charterer shall not raft up the Boat against any other vessel. Except with authorisation of the Operator the Boat must not be used for towing. There must be no transferring of any equipment from the Boat. The Charterer shall not engage in trade including transporting merchandise or passengers for pay. No goods, documents or drugs shall be carried which would involve the risk of seizure of the Boat by any government. Pets shall not be taken on the Boat. Children must be under the control of a responsible adult. That adult is responsible for the conduct and personal safety of the children while on the Boat. The Charterer shall not allow any person on board to commit any act contrary to the laws of Australia, or of any other government within the jurisdiction of which the Boat may be at any time and shall comply with the law in all other respects. The Charterer shall not tie the Boat up at any jetties or piers except those approved by the Operator prior to the charter or make any landing with the Boat.

9. Charterer's Authority

At the commencement of the charter period the Operator shall relinquish its possession and command of the Boat to the Charterer and full authority regarding the management of the Boat and its crew or members of the charter party shall be transferred to the Charterer for the period of this charter. Should a cruising guide be put on board either at the Charterer's request or at the Operator's option the cruising guide shall be the sole responsibility of the Charterer and the Charterer shall pay the Operator for the cruising guide at the current daily rate listed at the Operator's offices and feed and accommodate the cruising guide. If a cruising guide is put on the Boat, then although the Charterer shall have possession, command, navigation and full control over the Boat, the cruising guide is to be sole judge as to whether it is reasonable or prudent to travel at any time and as to whether any specified anchorage is reasonably safe.

10. Redelivery

The Charterer shall redeliver the Boat to the Operator free from any indebtedness which may have occurred on the Charterer's account at the Port of Return together with all of its equipment, in the same good condition as it was at delivery, save for fair wear and tear from ordinary and proper use. If for any reason other than that the Boat has become a total loss, he shall fail to redeliver the Boat at the agreed place and time, he shall pay the Operator demurrage at the rate of the charter fee per night of the Boat plus 50% for every day or part of a day ("Agreed Demurrage") until redelivery is effected. If the Charterer leaves the Boat at any place other than the Port of Return he shall pay to the Operator, all expenses involved in transferring the Boat to the Port of Return: Agreed Demurrage for the number of days required for the transfer; plus any losses or damage not covered by the Operator's insurance which may occur on or to the Boat or otherwise arises from the redelivery until it has been redelivered to the Charterer at the Port of Return. In the event the Charterer should elect for any reason to redeliver the Boat prior to the end of the charter period the Operator shall not be liable to return any part of the charter fees.

11. Cleaning

If upon completion of the charter the Charterer has not left the Boat in clean and tidy condition then the Charterer shall pay for the costs of cleaning the Boat.

12. Service Calls

In the event of a malfunction of the Boat or its equipment, the Operator shall subject to prevailing weather conditions use its best endeavours to reach the Boat with a service call at the earliest opportunity. In the event a service call is not in the Operator's opinion reasonably possible, or if the problem cannot be otherwise rectified, the Charterer shall proceed to the point designated by the Operator where repairs or replacement, where possible, will be made.

13. Recall

Operator reserves the right to recall the Boat at any time if the weather is considered by the Operator to be a threat to safe operation or in the Operator's opinion the Boat is being improperly or incorrectly sailed, managed or controlled so as to imperil the Boat, other vessels or property or life. A recall may include but is not limited to a recall to the Operator's base or an instruction to proceed to a haven deemed to be safe for the prevailing conditions. During a recall the Charterer may be required to vacate the Boat depending on conditions. The Operator shall not be liable for any lost time, expense or losses to personal goods of property due to recall and the Operator is not liable to repay any charter fees. **The Charterer is advised to take out the appropriate insurance cover for such events.**

14. Replacement

In the event that a fault in the Boat is detected before or during the charter period that may cause unsatisfactory performance of the Boat or equipment, then the Operator has the right to expeditiously effect repairs. In the event the Boat is in the Operator's opinion inoperable during part of the charter period through no fault of the Charterer rendering total or premature termination of the charter, the Operator may at its opinion endeavour to provide as a substitute an alternative boat of similar size and quality for the charter period. If no substitute boat can be provided the Charterer shall be entitled to reimbursement of charter fees for each full day of the charter which has not been used, less any cost incurred by the Operator under this clause.

15. Accident or Breakdown

In the event of any accident, loss, breakdown or disaster, the Charterer shall give immediate notice to the Operator and shall not except to the extent necessary to minimise a loss of the Boat, authorise or undertake repairs without prior authorisation of the Operator. The Charterer shall be responsible for the costs and consequence of any unauthorised repairs. The Charterer shall make no admission of liability to any party and no refund shall be made in respect of any claim arising out of such accident, loss, breakdown or disaster, save as is otherwise provided in this agreement. The Operator at its discretion shall determine if the cost of any repair, service (including cost for service vessels), breakdowns, recall or repossession or any other costs incurred by the Operator are chargeable to the Charterer and it so shall be owing by the Charterer.

16. Limitation of Liability

Nothing in this Agreement is to be read as excluding, restricting or modifying the application of any legislation which by law cannot be excluded, restricted or modified. To the extent permitted by law, the Boat, once chartered by the Charterer and delivered to the Charterer by the Operator or collected from the Port of Delivery by the Charterer shall be entirely at the risk of the Charterer. The liability of the Operator to the Charterer or any other person for any direct or indirect, special or consequential loss or damage to property (real or personal) or persons including personal injury or death, however caused or whether or not caused by or arising from any negligence or default, act or omission of the Operator in connection with the charter of the Boat, the performance of the services or the Operator's obligations under this Agreement or otherwise shall be limited to the supply of those services again or, at the Operator's discretion, a further charter of the Boat or another vessel.

17. Alcohol and Drugs

The use or consumption of illegal drugs by anyone using the Operator's facilities, property or boats, either ashore or afloat is prohibited. The consumption of alcohol may increase the risk of injury around docks, water and boats and the Charterer accepts that risk. The Operator shall not be liable for any personal injury or death arising from or in any way related to the use or consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs and the Charterer shall indemnify and hold the Operator harmless, in respect of any claims against the Operator arising out of such personal injury or death.

18. Personal Losses

The Operator shall not be liable for loss of personal property and goods of the Charterer whilst on the Operator's property or boats.

19. Insurance

The Boat chartered is customarily insured for the charter period as protection against any accidental loss or damage that may occur, or be caused by, the Boat during the charter period so long as the Boat remains in the cruising limits and perimeters established in clause 7 and is operated in compliance in all the terms and conditions of this agreement. In the case of a Bond being taken any excesses in connection with claims made under the policy may be debited by the Operator against the Charterer. In case of loss, accident breakdown, or a disaster, the Charterer shall give immediate notice to the Operator and shall not except to the extent necessary to avert or minimise damage or a loss of the Boat, attempt repairs without authorisation of the Operator.

20. Indemnity

The Charterer shall indemnify, reimburse and hold the Operator harmless from and against any acts and all claims, losses, liabilities, demands, suits, judgement or causes or actions and all legal proceedings whether civil or criminal and arising under contract, tort, statute or otherwise, penalties, fines and other sanctions and any other costs and expenses (including legal costs and expenses) in connection with or which may result from, or arise in any manner out of any matter (either directly or indirectly) related to this charter agreement or arise out of the management, control, encumbering use or operation of the Boat by the Charterer. No claim of any nature shall be brought against the Operator by the Charterer or any of the charter party or any third party and the Charterer agrees that he shall indemnify the Operator in respect of any amount paid by or claimed against the Operator in respect of any such claim.

21. Total Loss

Should the Boat become an actual or constructive total loss during the charter period, then the Operator may at its option substitute a vessel of similar type (if available) or deem this agreement to be at an end. In either circumstance there should be no refund of any part of the charter fee.

Inoperable Boat

In the event that in the reasonable opinion of the Operator the Boat becomes inoperable during the charter period through action or inaction of the Charterer or any of his party the Operator may at its option terminate his agreement and retain all charter fees paid. The Operator may then at its option offer a further charter to the Charterer on another vessel. The Charterer shall if he accepts the offer then pay a security bond and all costs of the further charter including the charter fee.

22. Water Sports

The Operator and its insurance underwriters shall not be liable for accidents, injuries or death due to: swimming; windsurfing; the use of the Boat's dinghy and outboard engine; or the use of snorkels, masks, fins or scuba equipment whether supplied by the Operator or otherwise. The user of the equipment referred to in this clause must ascertain that he is experienced, qualified and capable of using the equipment and the equipment is suitable and in good condition for the purpose for which it will be used and for the person using it.

23. Force Majeure

The Operator is not liable to the Charterer for any claim arising under this agreement in contract, tort, statute or otherwise, due to the performance of any obligation accepted by the Operator that is prevented, delayed or interfered for any reason beyond the Operator's control as a result of force majeure including without limitation by any act of war or terrorism, strikes or other industrial action, accident, breakdown, fire, cyclones, lightning, winds, storms or other acts of God, acts of governments or government authorities or any events of a similar nature beyond the reasonable control of the Operator.

24. Radio Arrangements

The Charterer agrees to Contact the Operator's base on or within such time as the Operator may at its discretion stipulate to the Charterer including each morning and afternoon on each day of the charter period and furnish necessary details of the Boat's position, intended plans for the day and intended anchorage position for that evening. In the event that the Charterer fails to so notify, and contact the Operators base on any two consecutive schedule periods, then that Charterer shall be responsible for all costs or expenses incurred by the Operator in searching for the Charterer including but not limited to, the hire of aircraft or other means of transport.

25. Government Fees and Future Taxes

Charterer's pay a fee of \$30 per person which is payable on arrival in cash, for costs of the use of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The Charterer shall also pay and discharge without exception all taxes, charges, assessments and outgoing and impositions relating to the charter imposed by or under federal or state law, by federal, state or local

authorities and whether on a capital or revenue basis or any other basis and even though of a novel character which may at any time be introduced during the period from execution of this agreement to the end of the charter period.

26. Non-assignment

The Charterer shall not assign or sub-charter his interest in the Boat without the prior written consent of the Operator. The Operator may assign its rights under this agreement.

27. Applicable Law

This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Queensland and the Commonwealth of Australia and any dispute arising or relating to the agreement or the charter shall be referred to the courts of Queensland and be heard at the nearest relevant court, being the Magistrates Court at Proserpine, the District Court at Bowen or the Supreme Court at Mackay.

Effective 1 December 2015

Charterer's Signature

Charterer's Full Name

Date

Booking Number