



ROYAL ARMoured CORPS YACHT CLUB

CLUB YACHT BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the below information before making a booking

1. **Introduction.** The Royal Armoured Corps Yacht Club (RACYC) is a race orientated club with a vision of competing to a high level in both inshore and offshore disciplines and develop RAC Officers and Soldiers. To achieve this the club owns and operates a J109 yacht, *White Knight 7*, which when not delivering adventurous training or RACYC racing is available to be chartered to RACYC club members to assist with covering running costs and supporting the wider RAC community. Chartering is strictly to recoup costs and all monies are reinvested in the club yacht.
2. **Qualifications.** You must have the correct number of crew with sufficient qualifications, to sail the club yacht. Maximum numbers are dictated by both the safety equipment provided, the yachts insurance and the MCA certification. Skippers are reminded that operating outside of these limitations will invalidate the insurance cover and skippers may be liable for all costs in the event of an accident. Refer to Annex B below for more details.
3. **Charter period.** The yacht is chartered per 24 hour period starting at 1800 hrs on the first day of the charter and ending at 1800 hrs on the last day of charter. Please enter any requested changes in the free text box at the end of the booking form and we will endeavour to flex to support your intended plans.
4. **Handover and hand back.** If you are planning to take over the yacht outside the standard handover period you are to seek agreement with the Bosun and Yacht Manager. You must be ready to begin handing back the yacht by 1700 on your last day of charter unless otherwise arranged.
5. **Cancellation.** You can cancel your booking up to 7 days before your charter is due to commence. After this point you may be charged the full cost of the charter. In the case of unforeseen circumstances the Club will make allowances where possible, particularly where it is due to service commitments.
6. **Charter Fees.** The cost to charter *White Knight 7* is set out in Annex A to this document.¹

NB. As *White Knight 7* is a club boat used primarily by serving RAC to conduct Adventurous Training or Racing under RAC colours, charter by serving RAC attracts a reduced rate at the discretion of the RACYC Committee.
7. **Safety Deposit.** A safety deposit cheque of £1000 made payable to 'RACYC Offshore' must be received by the RACYC Treasurer at the address below before the charter commences;
 - a. **Address:** RACYC Treasurer, Headquarters Royal Armoured Corps, Building 46, Allenby Barracks, Bovington Garrison, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 6JA.
 - b. The RACYC reserves the right to cancel the charter upto the agreed yacht handover time in the event of non-payment of this deposit

¹ Pricing is decided by the Club Committee at the beginning of the season (April each year) to reflect the current operating costs under and may change.

8. **Additional charges.** Charges may be raised post charter for cleaning, fuel, gas, loss or damage to the inventory or craft in accordance with the Club Regulations. Skippers should check before the charter that their personal liability insurance is adequate.

9. **Clothing & Safety Equipment.** The yacht is coded to MCA Category 2 (150 nm offshore) and has the full complement of in-date safety equipment onboard to support this.

NB. Sailing clothing (oilskins) are available free of charge to charterers. Please note stock is limited and correct sizes cannot be guaranteed. Boots are not provided.

10. **Racing.** The RACYC club yacht can only be raced by skippers that are authorised by the RC(O). Yachts may be manned in accordance with the relevant Racing Instructions, but in no circumstances shall the maximum crew-load as per the yacht's Coding Certificate (SCV2) be exceeded.

NB. All skippers and crew wishing to race WK7 with the asymmetric spinnakers must arrange for specific briefing/training prior to the charter rate.

11. **Adventurous Training.** Those planning military Adventurous Training are reminded that the Club limitations do not supersede or negate the requirements mandated by AGAI Chapter 11 and / or additional AT safety requirements / regulations.

NB. The RACYC accepts no liability if the yacht is used on AT in a manner that contravenes the above mentioned regulations.

12. **How to book the Club Yacht.** To charter please follow the link on the website charter page or use the QR Code below to complete the booking form on a mobile device.



Annexes:

- A. Charter Fees
- B. Sailing Areas and Minimum Qualifications

**Annex A to
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CHARTER FEES

Unit AT / Sport

1. For AT and Sport, conducted in accordance with JSP 419 and 660 respectively, the following charter fees shall apply:

Unit	Fee per 24 hr charter period	Damage Deposit
Royal Armoured Corps units	£130	£1,000
Other Army/RAF/Navy units	£180	£1,000

Private Charter

2. For all other charters, the following fees shall apply:

Charterer	Fee per 24 hr charter period	Damage Deposit
Serving RAC personnel	£160	£1,000
Other RACYC members	£180	£1,000

**Annex B to
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SAILING AREAS AND QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. The level of experience of the skipper and crew directly impacts where the yacht may be safely sailed and the limitations are set out below.
2. On booking the yacht charterers agree to comply with the below limitations at all time.

Sailing Area	Minimum Crew Qualifications			Min N°s	Max N°s
	Skipper	Mate	Crew		
Solent Sailing	RYA Coastal Skipper	RYA Competent Crew	1 x Able Hand	4	6
Coastal Passage	RYA Yachtmaster (Coastal)	RYA Day Skipper	2 x Able Hand	4	8
Offshore Cruising	RYA Yachtmaster (Offshore)	RYA Yachtmaster (Coastal)	2 x Able Hand	4	8
Racing	RYA Yachtmaster (Offshore)	RYA Yachtmaster (Coastal)	2 x Able Hand	4	8

3. **Skipper's Qualification.** A copy of the skipper's certificate is to be emailed to the Yacht Manager prior to the charter commencing. This will be deleted once the charter is completed.
4. **Crew qualifications.** An Able Hand is defined as an adult, familiar with sailing (i.e. as a minimum comfortable with the RYA Competent Crew syllabus) who is able to take their place as a member of a safe crew.