



Boat Sitting Policy

Aim

The aim of this policy is to communicate the requirements for boat sitting on an AUSC boat activity.

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1 Revision

This policy is to be maintained and reviewed by the AUSC Committee.

2 Application

This policy applies to all boat sitters who attend boat dive events.

3 Boat sitter requirements

Boat sitters do not need to have the full requirements as a boat handler, however there are still minimum requirements should they need to operate the boat in an emergency. Consequently, boat sitters must:

- Be prepared to operate the boat if the designated boat operator is not available and seek advice on this if necessary.
- Be familiar with the club boat(s). This includes awareness of engine ignition, basic manoeuvring, and consoles / gauges.
- Have been on the club boats for a minimum of five previous dive events to ensure there is some experience.

4 Boating credit

If a member did not plan on diving during a boat trip and is volunteering their time, then he or she is entitled to a credit against the cost of a future boat dive.

A member who boat-sits for the entirety of a single dive trip is entitled to a credit for the value of a single dive and a member who boat-sits for the entirety of a double dive trip is entitled to a credit for the value of a double dive.

A member will not earn a boat sitting credit by:

- Doing only a single dive on a double dive activity.
- Intending to dive (evidenced by loading their dive gear onto a boat) and then deciding not to dive.

Partial credits may not be carried forward. For example, a double boat dive credit may be used against a single dive but the difference in value of single and double boat dives is lost.

Unused boat sitting credits expire twelve months after they are earned.

5 Register

The club shall keep a register of all boat sitting credits earned, used and carried forward.

It is the Activity Leader's responsibility to ensure the register is amended to reflect boat sitting credit changes occurring as a result of the activity. If the Activity Leader does not have access to the register, then the changes are to be emailed to treasurer@adelaidescuba.com and the club treasurer will update the register.

6 Document control

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0 (13/10/2015)	Author: David Warren Reviewed: Committee (via Meeting 13/10/2015) Approved: David Warren	Document released to club membership.
1 24/09/2021	Author: Tim Brown Reviewed: Committee (via emails 05 & 09 Sept 2021) Approved: Committee (via Meeting 13/10/2021)	Para 4. Clarify entitlement. Para 5. Mandate update of a register of boat sitting credits, noting that the register is not yet in place.
2 19/08/2022	Author: Tim Brown Reviewed: Committee (via email [date]) Approved: Committee (via Meeting [date])	3. Boat sitter to be prepared to operate the boat if the designated boat operator is not available and seek advice on this if necessary.