

UWA VESSEL SKIPPERS AGREEMENT

I _____ in application to be a “Master” or “Skipper” of a UWA vessel or a vessel as deemed by AMSA to be under UWA control, I acknowledge I have read understood the UWA Boating Procedures Manual and the UWA Vessel Safety Management System (SMS) respectively for each vessel I operate. And I will operate according to these requirements and any operational zone or conditions specific to that vessel or restrictions limitations on my qualifications. Furthermore:

- As a Skipper for UWA I will maintain my required qualifications and ensure a current copy of these qualifications and inductions are current on Riskteq.
- I acknowledge I have been given an opportunity to discuss the UWA SMS. And I am aware UWA encourages all skippers to provide written feedback to the University WHS Diving and Boating Specialists (DBSO) and the Diving and Boating Safety Committee (DBSC) regarding the SMS and all other related documents, hazards, incidents or other vessel related operational these can be dealt with in confidence.
- I will not take charge of any vessel without first receiving adequate induction to its operation. And will take responsibility risk assessing the vessel deeming it is safe for the project I intend to use it for. This includes trailer operations (*especially Ecklonia*).
- I understand the responsibilities as outlined by AMSA being responsible for (in-charge) of a vessel and all activities undertaken on or from the vessel. Assessing the vessel is appropriate for voyage and tasks.
- I will ensure:
 - Drills for myself and those on-board are at minimum of AMSA standards.
 - I maintain a working knowledge of emergency procedures.
 - Inductions for new persons on-board as crew or special persons are undertaken.
 - Incidents, hazards and maintenance issues are correctly reported.
 - Log book is maintained as prescribed.
 - Undertaking comprehensive vessel inspection, readying vessel prior to use including verifying that all safety equipment is in date and good working order.
- Externally owned vessels (i.e. non UWA a dry charter) If operating I will ensure the SMS is:
 - Fit for purpose and covers the activities proposed to be undertaken.
 - And at the standard of UWA or higher.
 - Inductions are adequate and drills are undertaken.
- General Vessel and SMS Induction has been completed. Dated ____/____/_____.

I acknowledge it is the responsibility of the Skipper to abide by the current National and State regulations and UWA SMS requirements. And it is the Skippers responsibility to keep abreast of the “current” rules and UWA documents and processes I understand failure to act as noted above may prevent being approved or revoke my approval to Skipper a vessel for UWA.

UWA SKIPPER Name _____ SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

This document is to be signed after successfully completing induction including reviewing the SMS with DBSO or Delegate and a copy must be on Riskteq.

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