



Position Description

SORRENTO SAILING COUTA BOAT CLUB

Job Title: Couta Coach

Department: Training Centre

Reports To: Training and Development Manager

Liaison With: Committee Member with Couta Boat Participation portfolio.

Timeframe: Casual position for 6 months: November – April.

Purpose of the Position

To help grow the Couta Boat fleet using the SSCBC Couta Boat Ripple

Qualifications & Experience:

- Qualification:
 - First Aid and CPR
 - Marine Licence
 - AWQ VHF Marine Radio Certificate
 - Working with Children's Check
 - Ideally the candidate would have an Australian Sailing Coaching Certificate
- Experience:
 - A minimum of 5 years of sailing experience
 - Competency of sailing a small keel boat in all positions
 - Exceptional safety awareness and control skills
 - Strong interpersonal skills
 - The Ideal candidate would have some coaching or instructing experience
 - Ideal Candidate would have a knowledge of Couta Boats (not a necessity, there is a pathway to be fast tracked if not)
 - Relates well to the culture of the Couta Boat fleet

Duties and Scope of Responsibility;

General

To facilitate members or potential members experiencing a Couta Boat and contemplate a pathway into Couta Boat sailing.

Participants will come from enquiries directly to the Club or through liaising with members.

Inform Couta Participants of the pathway options to become more active on the water at SSCBC (Couta coaching course, Club race or Couta Cruise)

On the water responsibilities:

(delivered with crew or support as necessary)

- A safe session tailored to the participants abilities
- Complete safety checks and briefings and ensure safety of crew.
- Take a novice crew around a race course and point out main learnings around the course
- Able to take a group of beginners on a cruise on the Sorrento shores
- Teach the basic positions of a Couta Boat so that they could join another boat as a novice crew.
- Complete the basic racing maintenance of Ripple and report deep maintenance and upgrade desires and/or requirements.

Off water responsibilities:

Liaise with sailing staff, members and the designated Committee Member in regards to participants

- Communicate with participants about on water sessions and follow up post sessions
- Articulate pathways for participants and assist as appropriate.
- Develop a relationship with Couta Boat owners and identify who may be short of crew members.
- Complete tasks associated with the development of Couta Boat Participation
- Develop draft Standard Operating Procedures including but not limited to:
 - Safety rules – inspections and compliance
 - Boat preparation and readiness to race/cruise
 - Cruising Communications protocols including rescue support
 - On water safety protocols for cruising and racing
 - De-rig, pack up and mooring procedures
 - “Other Skipper” procedures and inspections