

Sussex Inlet Boat Hire Terms & Conditions

We're committed to giving you a safe, fun and stress-free day on the water. By booking with us, you agree to the following conditions of hire:

1. Licence & Age Requirements

- No boat licence is required to hire our vessels.
 - The hirer must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid photo ID.
 - Only those named on the booking agreement may operate the boat.
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2. Safety Obligations

- All passengers must wear life jackets at all times while on board.
 - The hirer is responsible for the safety and behaviour of all passengers.
 - A full safety briefing will be provided prior to departure.
 - Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult at all times.
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3. Boundaries & Use

- Boats must remain within designated hire boundaries as outlined on our map and explained during your briefing.
 - Entry into restricted or no-go areas (including National Park zones and shallow waters) is strictly prohibited.
 - Boats may only be used during daylight hours and must return before the agreed time.
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4. Weather Conditions

- In the event of unsafe weather, we may cancel or reschedule your booking. Full refunds or credit will be offered.
 - If poor weather occurs during hire, you must return the boat immediately if instructed.
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5. Alcohol & Drug Policy

- The operator must remain under the legal alcohol limit (0.05 BAC) at all times.
 - No drugs or intoxicated persons are permitted on board.
 - We reserve the right to cancel a hire without refund if safety is compromised due to alcohol or substance use.
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6. Pets

- Unfortunately, pets are not allowed on board due to National Park restrictions and wildlife protection laws.
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7. Fishing

- Fishing is permitted from the boat.

- A valid NSW Recreational Fishing Licence is required if you intend to fish. This is the responsibility of the hirer.
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8. Damage, Cleaning & Late Returns

- The hirer is responsible for any loss, damage, or excessive cleaning required due to misuse or negligence.
 - Boats must be returned in a clean, tidy state and at the agreed time.
 - Late returns may incur additional charges.
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9. Cancellations & Refunds

- Cancellations made more than 48 hours in advance will receive a full refund.
 - Cancellations made within 48 hours may forfeit the hire fee unless due to severe weather or at management discretion.
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10. Indemnity

- Sussex Inlet Boat Hire and its operators are not liable for any injury, loss, or damage suffered during the hire period.
 - The hirer indemnifies Sussex Inlet Boat Hire against all claims arising from the use or misuse of the vessel.
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By signing your hire agreement, you acknowledge and accept these conditions and agree to operate the vessel in a safe, responsible manner.