



# Personal Insurance Plan BoatPlan

#### **Welcome to BoatPlan**

We would like to make sure you are aware of all your entitlements under this policy, so please read this document carefully. After you have read it, please contact us if you would like further information.

# **30-day Money Back Guarantee**

If you are not satisfied with the cover provided by the policy you may return the policy within 30 days of receiving it.

If *you* have not made any claims during this period *we* will give *you* a full refund of any *premium* paid.

# Privacy Act and the Insurance Claims Register (ICR)

The ICR is a database of insurance claims to which participant insurers have access. The purpose of the ICR is to prevent insurance fraud. The ICR is operated by Insurance Claims Register Limited (ICR Ltd), PO Box 474, Wellington.

This policy is issued to *you* on the condition that *you* authorise *us* to place details of any claims made against this policy on the database of ICR Ltd, where they will be retained and be available for other insurance companies to inspect. *You* also authorise *us* to obtain from ICR Ltd personal information about *you* that is (in *our* view) relevant to this policy or any claim made against it. *You* have certain rights of access to and correction of this information, subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act 1993.

# **Definitions**

Definitions explain words frequently used in the policy. Defined words are shown in this type style.

Accident and Accidental mean a sudden and unforeseen event causing physical loss or damage that is not intended or expected by you.

Boat means the hull and any fixtures fittings and equipment which is permanently affixed, including sails, masts, spars, and rigging, machinery and motors (both inboard and outboard) anchor and warp, fish finder, depth sounder, other navigational aids and marine radios and boat trailers.

In New Zealand means within 150 kilometres of New Zealand's coastline but not while on voyages to and/or from ports and/or places outside New Zealand.

Market value means the reasonable retail value of your boat or other property immediately prior to the loss or damage.

Other property means dinghy, gear and equipment kept permanently on board the boat but which is not permanently affixed, including life jackets, clothing, wet weather gear, flares, tools, bed clothing, foodstuffs, cooking utensils and other similar accessories, but excluding fishing or sporting gear unless specified on the schedule.

*Period of cover* means the "period" or "period of insurance" specified in the *schedule*.

*Premium* is the consideration for this contract. This may mean the first premium or any subsequent premium and includes any government levies and taxes.

*Schedule* is the latest current policy schedule, expiry notice or insurance renewal issued to *you*.

We, us or our means Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited.

You or your means the insured person or persons named in the schedule, and their partner. Partner means a marriage partner, or de facto partner as defined in the Property (Relationships) Act 1976 (or any replacement Act) and any subsequent amendments.





#### Introduction

We will provide the cover set out in this policy during the *period of cover* shown in *your schedule* provided *you* have paid the *premium* and subject to the policy's terms, limits, conditions and exclusions.

Your insurance contract consists of three parts:

- 1. this policy document;
- 2. the personalised *schedule* with details of the cover which applies to *you*; and
- 3. the information in the proposal, application or declaration.

# What you are insured for

We will insure you for accidental loss or damage to your boat anywhere in New Zealand during the period of cover with us.

What we will pay - at our option

- 1. The cost to repair or replace *your boat* and *other property* or make a payment, up to the *market value* but no more than the Sums Insured specified on the *schedule*.
- If any repair makes a major improvement to the preaccident condition or value of your boat and other equipment, then you may be required to make a contribution towards the cost of repairs.

Such contribution will not be required if the property is less than one year old at the date of such loss or damage.

# **Additional benefits**

We will also pay for:

# 1. Salvage and associated costs

- 1. reasonable salvage costs;
- wreck removal costs which you or any person covered by this policy become legally liable to pay;
- 3. reasonable expenses incurred in minimising further loss or damage from the same *accident*.

Provided the costs or expenses follow an accident for

which there is a valid claim under this policy.

#### 2. Boat parts and accessories at home

If you have boat accessories or spare parts that are not fitted to the boat, and they are stored at your home, we will pay up to \$500 any one event after deducting your excess, for loss or damage by fire and theft, unless you have named an item and its value, and it is shown on the schedule.

If you have boat and contents insurance with us, you can only claim this benefit under one policy.

#### 3. Boat change

If you replace a boat, or buy an additional boat then we will insure the replacement or additional boat for its market value but otherwise on the same terms that apply to the boat shown on the schedule, but only if:

- you tell us within 30 days after buying the replacement or additional boat with full details; and
- 2. *you* pay any extra *premium* which *we* may require; and
- 3. the *boat* purchased is valued at no more than \$50,000.

# 4. Premium credit

Where your boat is treated as a total loss and we insure your replacement boat, we will credit the unused premium towards insurance on the replacement. Provided that:

- 1. the person in control of *your boat* was completely free of blame; and
- the identity of the other party who caused the damage is established.

# 5. Recharge of extinguishers and replacement of flares

In the event of a claim we will pay up to \$1,500 for the recharge of extinguishers and replacement of flares used in minimising loss or damage.

#### 6. Emergency costs

If you have an accident for which there is a valid claim





under this policy, we will pay the reasonable incurred costs of:

- 1. rescuing *you*, *your* passengers or *your* crew, to a maximum of \$1,000;
- having your boat removed to the nearest repairer or place of safety;
- 3. essential repairs to the *boat* so *you* can get to *your* destination or a repairer;
- 4. returning *your boat* to *your* home following its repair, or if it was stolen, following its recovery.

We will also pay the reasonable costs of accommodating and transporting *you* and *your* passengers to *your* home if *your boat* cannot be used, to a maximum of \$500.

#### 7. Storage or repair

We will cover insured boat equipment and other property temporarily removed from your boat;

- 1. for the purpose of repair;
- 2. for storage in securely locked premises;
- 3. while in transit to repair or storage.

#### 8. Goods and services tax - GST

Provided the GST is recoverable by *us*, the sum insured under this policy is exclusive of GST.

This means that we will pay up to a maximum of the sum insured plus GST to a maximum of the current rate of GST applied to that sum insured.

All limits, amounts or excesses shown are GST inclusive.

# 9. Legal liability

We will pay for your legal liability for damage to property arising from accidents caused by your boat. We will pay up to \$1,000,000 plus legal costs incurred with our consent in respect of any one accident or number of accidents arising out of one event.

We will extend this section to provide the same cover:

 to any person who is using your boat with your consent and who is not otherwise excluded from the policy cover;

- to any person engaging in water skiing or similar sport while being towed by your boat;
- for accidents caused by any other boat being used by you in person provided it does not belong to you and is not hired to you under a hire purchase or lease arrangement. No cover is provided for damage to the boat being used;
- costs that result from the raising, removal or destruction of the wreck of your boat or an attempt at any of these. We will also cover any loss of or damage to property that arises, because you fail to raise, remove or destroy the wreck of your boat.

But we will not pay:

- a. for damage to property belonging to you or in your custody or control;
- if you or any person or organisation to whom this section applies is entitled to indemnity under any other policy or fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this policy;
- c. for any accident arising directly or indirectly from or in connection with the ownership possession or control by or on behalf of the insured of any mechanically propelled vehicle registered under the Transport Act 1962 and subsequent amendments by which any property insured is drawn or conveyed;
- d. for any exemplary or punitive damages.

If you have home, contents, motor or boat insurance with us, you can only claim this benefit under one policy.

# **Optional Additional Benefits**

#### 10. Racing risk option

If you have paid for this extension and it is shown on the *schedule*, the following cover applies:

If you are racing your sailboat and it suffers accidental loss or damage, then we will pay the cost of repair or replacement of your masts, spars, booms, spinnaker poles, sails, rigging and anchors.

We will not pay for any proportion of the cost of repair





or replacement that will put the equipment in better condition than it was prior to the *accident*.

This extension will be subject to the racing risk excess shown on the *schedule*.

# 11. Medical payments insurance

If this extension is shown on the *schedule*, the following cover applies:

We will pay the reasonable expenses of necessary medical, surgical, ambulance, hospital, professional nursing services and in event of death, funeral costs incurred within one year from the date of an *accident* to any person while in, upon boarding or leaving *your* insured vessel.

The most we will pay for any one accident shall not exceed the amount of insurance shown for medical payments in the schedule, regardless of the number of persons involved in the accident.

Special requirements:

Any person seeking medical payments by us under this section must:

- 1. provide *us* with all documentation, bills and reports requested by *us*;
- 2. submit to a physical examination by a physician selected by *us* when and as often as *we* reasonably require; and
- provide us with written authorisation for release to us of copies of pertinent medical reports and records.

# **Exclusions**

# We will not pay for:

#### 1. Any excess

You must contribute the amounts shown in the schedule under the heading "excesses" as the first amount of any claim.

All excesses are cumulative.

Where a single event causes loss or damage to property or items insured by *you* with *us* under more than one insurance policy, only one policy excess shall

apply. The amount of the excess shall be the highest excess that we could apply under any of the policies affected.

Where *you* suffer a total loss and *you* have been paying *your premium* to *us* by instalment the standard excess shown on the *schedule* will be increased to include:

- i. the difference between the amount you have paid and the amount of premium you would have paid if you had instead elected to pay your premium annually; and
- ii. the total value of the instalment fees for all of the *premium* instalments.

# 2. We will not pay for:

- a. loss of use or consequential loss;
- b. depreciation, deterioration, wear and tear, delamination, corrosion, rust, rot, mould, or damage caused by marine organisms or by vermin (except opossums) or by electrolysis;
- c. breakdown, failure or breakage of:
  - i. any component or accessory; or
  - ii. the engine transmission, mechanical, electrical or electronic systems, or
  - iii. any loss which their failure may cause to the rest of these systems;
- d. loss or damage by wind to sails or protective covers when racing, except where the racing risk extension applies;
- e. loss or damage to masts, spars, booms, spinnaker poles, rigging, and anchors while racing your sailboat, except where the racing risk extension applies;
- f. any loss or expenditure incurred solely in remedying a fault in design or, in the event of damage resulting from faulty design and giving rise to a claim under the conditions of this insurance, for any additional expenditure incurred by reason of betterment or alteration in design, or for the cost and expense of replacing or repairing any part condemned solely in consequence of a latent





defect or fault or error in design or construction;

- g. any claim while the boat is let out on hire or charter or is used for any purpose other than private pleasure purposes;
- h. loss or damage to boats primarily powered by motor while participating in or while being prepared for a race, speed competition, speed testing, reliability or time trial or any similar activities;
- i. damage deliberately caused by the wrongful or reckless acts or wilful misconduct of any insured person;
- j. theft of outboard motors that are not securely locked to the boat, or stored in a securely locked part of the boat; or stored in a securely locked building.
- 3. Any losses when *your boat* is under the control of any person who:

is affected by alcohol or drugs.

# 4. Any losses when any person is driving a vehicle towing the *boat* and:

- a. has a proportion of blood/alcohol or breath/ alcohol exceeding the legal limit, or refuses to take or fails a breath or blood test;
- b. is doing so without a licence or not complying with the conditions of their licence.

# 5. Loss, destruction, damage or liability directly or indirectly caused by:

- a. war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, warlike operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, resolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or confiscation, destruction or acquisition by government or local authorities;
- nuclear weapons, ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from nuclear fuel or the combustion of waste from nuclear fuel;
- c. any act of terrorism including but not limited to where that loss, destruction, damage or liability that arises from, is consequent upon or arises in connection with biological, chemical, radioactive, or nuclear:

- pollution,
- contamination, or
- explosion.

An act of terrorism means an act, including but not limited to the use of force or violence or the threat thereof, which from its nature and context is done for, or in connection with, political, religious, ideological, ethnic or similar purposes, including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public or any section of the public in fear.

# Loss, destruction, damage or liability directly or indirectly resulting from:

- a. the boat being left unattended at anchor or on swing moorings other than its usual mooring or berth or moorings to Port or Local Authority standards for more than twenty four consecutive hours;
- b. permanent moorings that don't meet the minimum specifications recommended by Port or Local Authorities;
- permanent moorings that are not in good order;
   or
- d. swing moorings that have not been inspected and maintained for more than 3 years.
- 7. costs which can be recovered under the provisions of the Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001 (or any replacement Act) and any subsequent amendments.

#### **Policy conditions**

These conditions give *you* information about *your* and *our* obligations arising from this policy.

#### 1. Assignment

You must not assign or attempt to assign this policy or your interest in this policy to any other person or party without our written consent.

# 2. Breach of Policy Terms and Conditions

No claim shall be payable where any person entitled to indemnity under this policy breaches any of the





policy terms and conditions. However, nothing in this policy affects the common law rights of either party, including the right to avoid the policy for nondisclosure.

#### 3. Cancellation

We may cancel this policy at any time by sending a letter to this effect to you at your last known postal address. The cancellation will take effect at 4.00 pm on the 7th day after the letter has been sent. We will refund the unused part of your paid premium. You may cancel this policy by giving written notice to us. We will refund the unused part of your paid premium provided that you have not made a claim.

#### 4. Care of your boat

You must take all reasonable steps to prevent loss or damage and maintain your boat in good repair. We shall always have the right to examine your boat.

### 5. Care of your boat trailer

You must take all reasonable steps to prevent loss or damage and maintain your boat trailer in good repair and roadworthy condition. We shall always have the right to examine your boat trailer.

#### 6. Claims

- a. On the happening of any event that may give rise to a claim under this policy *you* must:
  - i. immediately notify us of such event;
  - ii. take all reasonable steps to minimise the extent of loss or damage;
  - iii. immediately send us any communications which you receive in relation to an event which may give rise to a claim;
  - iv. obtain our consent before proceeding with repairs;
  - v. make your boat available for inspection by us;
  - vi. provide all proofs, information and other evidence; and otherwise give all possible assistance that we may require; and
  - vii. in the case of loss by theft, burglary or vandalism advise the Police immediately;
- b. You shall not without our written consent incur any expense or negotiate, pay, settle, admit, repudiate or

make any agreement in relation to any claim;

- c. We shall be entitled at our expense and in your name to take any proceedings necessary to obtain relief from any other party and to take over and conduct the defence and settlement of any claim. You must provide all reasonable assistance and co-operation;
- d. If we pay the market value then the cover is finished and no premium is refundable. We may keep whatever is left or recovered of the boat.

### 7. Correctness of Statements and Fraud

The proposal, application, or declaration form is the basis of this contract. All statements made by *you* or on *your* behalf either on the proposal form or otherwise in support of this policy or any claim must be complete and correct in all respects. If any claim under this policy is supported by any incorrect information or statement all benefits will be forfeited.

# 8. Duty of Disclosure/Change of Circumstances

You must tell us everything that may be relevant to our decision to issue, renew or alter the policy and you must tell us of any changes to any circumstances relevant to this policy as soon as you know about them.

### 9. Instalment premiums

Where we have agreed to accept payment of premium by instalments:

- a. we reserve the right in the event of a claim being made to require immediate payment of the balance of any annual premium; and
- b. all benefits under this policy will be forfeited from the date the first unpaid instalment was due and your policy automatically cancelled if:
  - i. any three consecutive fortnightly instalments remain unpaid; or
  - ii. any two consecutive monthly instalments remain unpaid; or
  - iii. any quarterly or half yearly payments remain unpaid 14 days after the due date of the instalment

Where any instalment is overdue and the policy has not been cancelled, all benefits under this policy will





be forfeited from the date the first unpaid instalment was due until the date we receive all the overdue instalment *premiums*.

Any claim proceeds payable to *you* under this policy will be withheld by *us* until *you* have brought all instalments up to date.

#### 10. Joint Insureds

Where this policy is issued in joint names, then this policy is a joint policy. This means that if one of *you* does or fails to do anything so that there is no cover, there will be no cover for any of *you* not just the person responsible.

#### 11. Jurisdiction

This policy is governed by New Zealand law and the New Zealand courts have exclusive jurisdiction over any legal proceedings about it.

#### 12. Modifications

*You* must tell *us* of any modifications which have been made to the *boat* since insuring it with *us*.

# 13. Other Insurance

This policy does not cover loss or liability where cover is already provided by other insurance.

We will not contribute towards any claim under any other policy.

#### 14. Other Interests

If your boat is mortgaged or secured by any other financial agreement, we may make payment for any loss direct to the interested party. This will meet our obligations under this policy.



