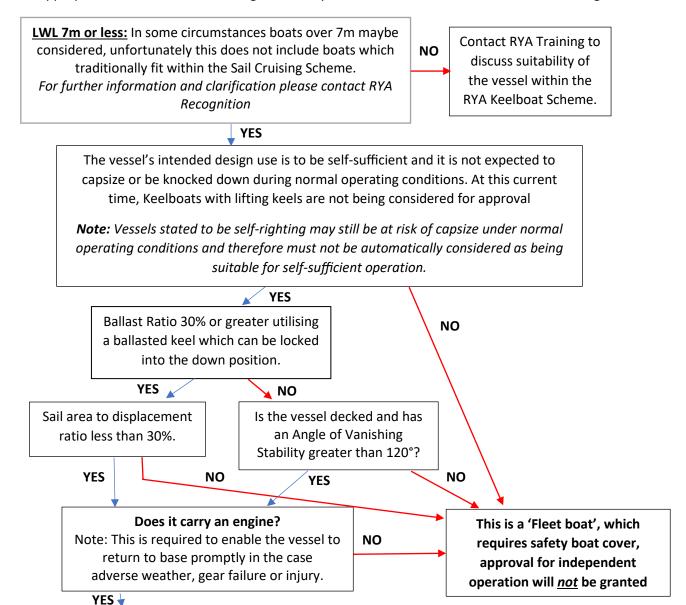
## For the consideration of 'Independent operation of keelboats' within the National Sailing Scheme

The following flow chart is designed to assist in the assessment and suitability for independent operation of keelboats within the National Sailing Scheme. Vessels will be considered based on their appropriateness to facilitate training, helmed by instructors trained within the National Sailing



It may be possible to operate the vessel independently, subject to meeting the regulatory requirements in the location and defining any additional qualifications or training for the instructors. It is important to note:

- 1. Vessels may be required to undertake a swamp tested following a capsize. For other decked vessels/vessels with cabins other considerations such as downflood angle or Angle of Vanishing Stability may also be considered.
- 2. By operating independently, the activity may be deemed outside the RYA's small boat exemption and therefore required to meet local water operating regulations or coding requirements.
- 3. The centre's EAP (emergency action plan) must include how assistance will be provided in the event of an incident or accident