



SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN - KEEL BOATS V2 (03.12.2011)

1. APPLICATION

- 1.1 This safety management plan applies only to yachts and crews participating in Cairns Yacht Club (CYC) sanctioned racing events for the Keelboat Division.
- 1.2 The area includes waters within the Port of Cairns limit (Map S3C-1-2) and course areas as defined by CYC Yacht Division Courses 1-12 inclusive.
- 1.3 This plan does not apply to other divisions or to events conducted outside the area defined by 1.2 or requiring higher levels of safety than Category 6 as defined by YA Special Regulations – Safety.

2. LIMITATION

- 2.1 Participation in any CYC racing event shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of the yacht skipper.

3. GENERAL SAFETY OBLIGATIONS

- 3.1 All participants are required to abide by General Safety Obligations on and off the course including:
 - a) You must ensure your boat is safe.
 - b) You must ensure your boat is properly equipped and crewed.
 - c) You must ensure your boat is operated in a safe manner.

4. REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

- 4.1 The following shall apply to all participating yachts and crew for the duration of the race event:
 - The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009 – 2012
 - YA Special Regulations – Safety
- 4.2 The following shall apply to all yachts at all times:
 - Transport Operation (Marine Safety) Regulations 2004
 - International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (COLREGS) 1972
 - Cairns Port Procedures Manual – www.msq.qld.gov.au
 - Direction issued by the Regional Harbour Master (RHM) Cairns.

5. RACE OFFICER

- 5.1 Shall be a person nominated by CYC to control the race event, monitor radio communications and initiate rescue procedures if required. In the absence of a race officer, to be the Rear Commodore – Yachts or delegate.

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6. RACE CONTROL HEIRARCHY

- 6.1 The Regional Harbour Master (RHM) Cairns will have primary control over racing followed by:
- 6.2 Race Officer (Officer of the Day – OOD)
- 6.3 CYC Rear Commodore or delegate
- 6.4 Sailors

7. RADIO COMMUNCATION

- 7.1 All yachts participating in the event shall be required to maintain radio communications on VHS Channel 72 and radio watch on VHS Channel 16.

8. RESCUE / SAFETY SUPPORT

- 8.1 In the first instance a yacht shall use all means available including on board rescue and safety equipment to ensure the safety of all on board and affect repair and rescue if required.
- 8.2 A participating yacht shall be required to assist any boat in close proximity that is requesting or directing assistance.
- 8.3 CYC may provide a support vessel adjacent to the race area, to be deployed at the direction of the race officer.

9. WITHDRAWAL

- 9.1 A yacht withdrawing from a race event shall notify the race officer as soon as possible on VHS Channel 72.

10. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION – PORT ACTIVITY

- 10.1 The RHM Cairns or his delegate through VTS Cairns shall have control over all ships at the event including:
 - All official, participating and rescue ships.
 - Temporary suspension of an event if required to allow safe passage of port vessels.
 - Cancellation or moving the event if weather conditions are unsuitable.

11. SUSPENSION

- 11.1 The yacht skipper is responsible for any decision to participate or continue participation in a race event.
- 11.2 The CYC reserves the right to cancel a race event if conditions are deemed unsuitable.

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12. LOCAL RESCUE PROCEDURES

- 12.1 A yacht skipper is responsible for assessing the circumstances pertaining to the vessel and crew and deciding if assistance is required.
- 12.2 If assistance is required the skipper or crew shall initiate notification by radio (VHS CH 16) or other means available to it in the following order:
1. If a serious emergency exists, contact emergency services on "000" or VHS 16
 2. The race officer
 3. Adjacent vessels
- The race officer will notify the Commodore and Rear Commodore, monitor the situation, assist onshore services and coordinate CYC support vessels if required.

13. FIRST AID

- 13.1 Comply with YA Special Regulations – Safety (Min. Cat 6)

14. EMERGENCY

- 14.1 Any Yacht skipper deciding that an EMERGENCY exists shall initiate emergency call procedures direct to the available emergency channels.

15. PRE RACE BRIEFING

- 15.1 Where possible a briefing for sailors will be held prior to a race.
- 15.2 A pre race briefing will be conducted by the Race Officer (OOD) and include:
- a) Changes to Sailing Instructions.
 - b) Safety reminder
 - c) An update on local shipping movements provided by VTS Cairns.

16. EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- 16.1 Regional Harbour Master RHM Cairns – VTS Cairns on VHF CH 16 then go to 12 or PH: 4052 7400
- 16.2 Marine safety Queensland MSQ – PH: 4052 7400
- 16.3 Emergency Services – PH: 000
- 16.4 Ambulance Cairns – PH: 000
- 16.5 Queensland Fire and Rescue – PH: 000
- 16.6 Cairns Police – PH: 4053 6268