**SAFETY CARD** Emergency Information

*Regatta Name*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Key Contacts** | | |
|  | **Regatta Organiser** | *Contact name and mobile* |
| **Race Officer** | *Contact name and mobile* |
| **Shore Manager** | *Contact name and mobile* |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **First Aid** | | |
|  | **On Shore** | *Location of kit, first aid contact name and mobile number* |
| **On Water** | *Location of kit, first aid contact name and mobile number* |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **VHF Channels** | | |
|  | **Open Course** | *Channel 77* |
| **Green Fleet Course** | *Channel 17* |
| **Emergency** | Channel 16 |
| **Coastguard** | Channel 61 |

**Support Boat Information**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Check** | **Description** |
| Lifejackets | All persons onboard must wear a suitable lifejacket at all times |
| Kill Cords | Must be worn at all times by skippers |
| Leaving beach or boat ramp | Radio check on VHF channel 77 or 17 to shore base with number of persons on board (POB) as you depart |
| Returning to beach or boat ramp | Radio shore base on VHF channel 77 or 17 with number of persons on board (POB) as you return |
| Overnight parking | *Advise location*. Take loose equipment and fuel tanks with you |
| Launching | *Advise location and any relevant local details* |
| Sailor launching | *Advise location and any relevant local details* |
| Support boat pack | Check contents of emergency pack and ensure it is onboard vessel |
| Speed restrictions | 5 knot speed restriction when leaving ramp or within 200m from shore or within 50m of another person or vessel |
| Shipping | Don’t cross in front of any shipping |

**Levels of Operation**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Level** | **On the water** |
| Level 1  General Patrol/Rescue  Wind 0-15 knots | Normal rescue protocols apply.  Rescue and mark boats will operate in their allotted sector within the racing area  Support boats to stay outside exclusion area unless instructed by RO  Rescue and mark boats to stay in the race area until released by the RO |
| Level 2  Strong wind conditions  Wind 15-25 knots (approx.) | Normal rescue protocols apply unless instructed by RO/PRO.  Support boats may enter the course and assist when requested by RO/PRO.  Rescue and Support boats to stay in the racing area until released by the RO/PRO |
| Level 3  Abandon races  Wind 25-35 knots (approx.) | Emergency protocols will apply - PRO will fly flag “N” or “AP” over either “H” or “A” and advise over VHF that races are abandoned or postponed.  All sailors are to return to the shore.  Rescue, support and other available boats will be directed to assist where practical by the RO/PRO. All boats to stay in the race area until released by the PRO.  Rescue and support boats may take sailors off yachts “in difficulty” then tag and abandon the yacht. |
| Level 4  Emergency  Wind 35+ knots (approx.) | Rescue and support craft to operate as per Level 3.  The PRO will advise Regatta Organiser of an emergency situation and may request outside assistance via Coastguard and emergency services. |

**SAILOR MISSING - A yacht without a sailor is an EMERGENCY**

**MISSING SAILOR – ON THE WATER**

1. If the yacht is capsized, check that the sailor is not trapped under the boat or under the sail by either righting the yacht or otherwise checking in a safe manner
2. Immediately scan the area and pair up sailors with their boats.
3. Consider the line of drift (wind and tide) and focus on this area first
4. If the sailor has not been located, advise RO via VHF **“SAILOR MISSING SAILOR MISSING”**.
5. Drop a marker buoy or anchor and secure the yacht so it won’t drift
6. **DO NOT PUT A “CREW SAFE” DANGER TAPE OR BLACK X ON THE YACHT** until the sailor is positively identified as being safe.
7. Start search upwind over a 60° triangle from the boat to a distance of at least 200m. Rescue boat crew standing if possible.
8. The RO will dispatch other rescue boats to the area.
9. When other boats arrive RO will designate one vessel to control the search
   1. Designated Vessel to initiate a line abreast (20 m apart) search from 200 m downwind of the boat into the wind.
   2. If unsuccessful, form up line abreast as directed and assisted by all other available boats and sweep the whole course down wind.
   3. If still unsuccessful form up at right angles to the course and sweep the course again.
   4. If still unsuccessful form up at the top of the course and sweep down the course centred on the marker buoy.
10. During this period On Land Coordinator to check sign-out and sign-in sheets and physically check sailors ashore to verify which sailor is missing.
11. At any time during the search the RO may abandon racing. RO to immediately contact Emergency Services.
12. The RO will determine which boats will shadow the fleet home. All other boats to stay on the water and carry on with in the search
13. Once a Police/Coastguard/Harbour Master vessel is present, it will take control of the search and all boats involved.
14. Search to continue under the instruction of authorities.

**MISSING SAILOR - RAISED BY NOT BEING SIGNED-OFF, EMPTY TRAILER, NOT FINISHING**

1. RO will advise rescue boats stay on the water and scan their areas of responsibility
2. Rescue boats will be instructed to go to leeward end of the course, set up visual distance apart. Wait for call from RO to advance together at 5 knots.
3. If unsuccessful, RO to contact emergency services and initiate full search pattern