

SAFETY / RISK ASSESSMENT
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ACTIVITY	POTENTIAL HAZARDS	RISK LEVEL	RECOMMENDED ACTION OR PROCEDURE	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
RACING PRE-SEASON PREPARATION	FIRE,CAPSIZE M.O.B. / DROWNING	MEDIUM TO HIGH	YACHT MUST HAVE A SAFETY AUDIT DONE BY AN A.S. ACCREDITED AUDITOR CLUB CANNOT ACCEPT YACHT RACE ENTRY WITHOUT AUDIT (Cat 7/5)	YACHT OWNER PBYC RACE DIRECTOR
RACING PRE-START PREPARATION PRE-START PREPARATION	LOSS/PUBLIC LIABILITY SEVERE WEATHER	 MEDIUM TO HIGH HIGH	CLUB CANNOT ACCEPT YACHT RACE ENTRY WITHOUT VESSEL INSURANCE CHECK BOM FORECAST FOR EVENT. IF WIND OFFSHORE > 25 KNOTS OR SEAS > 3 METERS THEN POSTPONE EVENT IF WIND INSHORE > 25 KNOTS THEN ABANDON EVENT	YACHT OWNER / RACE DIRECTOR PBYC RACE DIRECTOR
VESSEL UNDER WAY LEAVING THE MOORING	RISK OF FIRE RISK OF COLLISION	MEDIUM MEDIUM	VESSEL MUST HAVE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND FIRE BLANKET OPERATOR MUST BE AWARE OF COLLISION REGULATIONS	YACHT SKIPPER / PIC YACHT SKIPPER / PIC
RACING:- AT THE START	RISK OF COLLISION	MEDIUM	MUST BE AWARE OF COLLISION REGULATIONS (IRPCS) AND COMPLY ALL RACING YACHTS MUST COMPLY WITH RRS (Racing Rules of Sailing) KEEP A GOOD LOOK-OUT BY ALL AVAILABLE MEANS	YACHT SKIPPER / PIC YACHT SKIPPER / PIC ENTIRE CREW
WHILE RACING	MAN OVERBOARD	MEDIUM TO HIGH	TAKE CARE MOVING ABOUT VESSEL WHILE UNDER WAY ENSURE SAFETY EQUIPMENT IS USED AS REQUIRED (HARNESSES, PFD'S)	ENTIRE CREW ENTIRE CREW
	EXPOSURE/SUNBURN DEHYDRATION	MEDIUM TO HIGH	USE SUNSCREEN / PROTECTIVE CLOTHING ENSURE ADEQUATE DRINKING WATER AVAILABLE	ENTIRE CREW YACHT SKIPPER / PIC
	CRUSH INJURIES	MEDIUM TO HIGH	ENSURE ALL EQUIPMENT (WINCHES & c.) ARE USED ACCORDING TO STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES - NO SHORTCUTS.	ENTIRE CREW
FIRST AID			ENSURE FIRST AID KIT IS ADEQUATE (SAFETY AUDIT) MUST HAVE SOMEONE ON BOARD WITH KNOWLEDGE OF FIRST AID	YACHT SKIPPER / PIC YACHT SKIPPER / PIC
POST RACE CELEBRATIONS ON WATER	M.O.B. / EXCESS ALCOHOL	MEDIUM TO HIGH	ENSURE RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL ON VESSEL OPERATOR OF VESSEL MUST BE UNDER 0.05	YACHT SKIPPER / PIC YACHT SKIPPER / PIC
MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS IN EVENT OF WEATHER CHANGE	SEVERE WEATHER	MEDIUM TO HIGH	FOR IN-PITTWATER EVENTS ALL VESSELS HAVE MOBILE CONTACTS FOR OTHER EVENTS ALL YACHTS TO MONITOR AND USE CHANNEL 73 VHF FOR CATEGORY 7 EVENTS CONSIDER POSTPONING IF MEASURED WIND > 20 KNOTS FOR CATEGORY 7 EVENTS MUST POSTPONE IF FORECAST WIND > 25 KNOTS FOR ALL EVENTS MUST ABANDON IF FORECAST WIND > 30 KNOTS	YACHT SKIPPER / PIC YACHT SKIPPER / PIC PBYC RACE DIRECTOR PBYC RACE DIRECTOR
ALL RACING ACTIVITY	PUBLIC LIABILITY	MEDIUM TO HIGH	CLUB WILL MAINTAIN A PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY FOR EVENTS	PBYC RACE DIRECTOR