



Cruising Yacht Club Of Hamilton Island

SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Twilight Sailing Regatta September to April

1. APPLICATION

- 1.1 This safety management plan applies only to yachts and crews participating in Cruising Yacht Club of Hamilton Island (CYCHI) sanctioned racing events.
- 1.2 The area includes waters within the sight of the viewing rotunda atop "One Tree Hill" on Hamilton Island (Map AUS 252) and course areas as defined by CYCHI Yacht Division Courses as "around the local islands" including Henning Island, Plum Pudding Island, Fitzalan Island, Dent Island, Hamilton Island and Whitsunday Island.
- 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 CYCHI racing event shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of the yacht's skipper.
- 2.2 Racing will not take place when there is a current or forecast Gale Warning or Strong Wind Warning as issued by the Bureau of Meteorology.
- 2.3 Racing will be at the discretion of the skipper should the winds be in excess of 25 knots and a strong wind warning or gale warning does not exist
- 2.4 Racing will not take place if the committee feel the conditions are deemed to be unsafe due to unforeseen circumstances

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 – 2016
 - YA Special Regulations – Cat 6 Safety with add ons
 - all vessels to be fitted with Navigation lights and these are to be turned on at sunset
 - all vessels to leave their radio on after
 - All windsurfers are to have navigation lights fitted to their boom
 - all windsurfer competitors are to wear a PFD type 2
 - all windsurfer competitors carry a waterproof radio or radio in a waterproof container and it is left on for the duration of the race
 - all vessels in the race are to act as a safety vessel if any windsurfer are to require assistance
- 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
 - Whitsunday Port Procedures Manual – www.msq.qld.gov.au
 - Direction issued by the Regional Harbour Master (RHM) Whitsunday/Airlie Beach.

5. RACE OFFICER

- 5.1 Shall be a person nominated by CYCHI to control the race event. This person is our race starter and safety co-ordinator and he/she will be in our Starter vessel. Other duties they will perform are to monitor radio communications and initiate rescue procedures if required. In the absence of a race officer, to be the Commodore, vice commodore, Yachts or delegate.

6. RACE CONTROL HEIRARCHY

- 6.1 The Regional Harbour Master (RHM) Whitsunday will have primary control over racing followed by:
- 6.2 Race Officer (Officer of the Day – OOD)
- 6.3 CYCHI 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 marine VHF Channel 73 and radio watch on marine VHF 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 reasonable proximity that is requesting or directing assistance.
- 8.3 CYCHI provides a start vessel on the course at all times. If there is an incident they are to immediately attend to the problem vessel and take the role of co-ordinator.

Upon assessment of the problem vessel they can stop the race if need be.

If they need assistance they can utilise all other race vessel on the course or they can call our emergency contact vessels for support.

9. WITHDRAWAL

- 9.1 A yacht withdrawing from a race event shall notify the race officer as soon as possible on Marine VHF Channel 73.

10. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION – PORT ACTIVITY

- 10.1 The RHM Whitsunday or his delegate through Hay Point VTS 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. (see clause 2.2)
- 11.2 The CYCHI reserves the right to cancel a race event if conditions are deemed unsuitable. (see clause 2.2)

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 (VHF CH73 primary and CH16 secondary) or other means available to it in the following order:

1. If a serious emergency exists, contact emergency services on “000”, “112” or marine VHF CH 16
2. The race officer
3. Adjacent vessels

The race officer will notify the Commodore and any other committee vessels, monitor the situation, assist onshore services and coordinate CYCHI support vessels if required.

13. FIRST AID

13.1 All yachts and committee vessels Comply with YA Special Regulations – Safety equipment defined as minimum category 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 Whitsunday port Authorities.

16. EMERGENCY CONTACTS

16.1	Regional Harbour Master Mackay VTS Hay Point on VHF ch 16	07 4944 3700–
16.2	Marine safety Queensland (MSQ) Airlie beach	07 4946 2200
16.3	Emergency Services	000
16.4	Ambulance Hamilton Island	000
16.4	Hamilton Island Safety and Security	07 4946 9999
16.5	Queensland Fire and Rescue	000
16.6	Whitsunday Water Police	07 4967 7222
16.7	Race Handicapper Wayne Singleton	0416 024 168
16.8	CYCHI Commodore Mark Strobel	0417 549 869
16.9	CYCHI V/Commodore Barnaby Thomas	0421 655 297

17. EMERGENCY CONTACT VESSELS

17.1	Mars Charters	Max Bear	0413 195 351
17.2	HI Watersports	Mark Harvey	0416 086 242
17.3	HI Watersports	Andrew Harvey	0414 893 805
17.4	Explore	Adam Thompson	0420 385 394
17.5	Sunsail	Barney Thomas	0421 655 297
17.6	Born to Battle	Matty Calder	0418 528 136
17.7	Explore	Josh Harrington	0403 044 508
17.8	Hamilton Island Barge	Henry Danvers	0410 544 923