

BATEMANS BAY SAILING CLUB INC
KEEL & TRAILABLE BOATS
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

2011-2012

Attention is drawn to rules 1 (Safety) and 4 (Decision to race) of the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* and to regulation 1.02 (Owner's responsibility) of *Yachting Australia's Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats*.

A boat participating in a race shall carry a copy of this Plan.

The person in charge of a boat shall bring the Plan to the notice of each crew member.

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NOTE

This Emergency Plan has been prepared having regard to:

- (a) rules 1 (Safety) and 4 (Decision to race) of the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (the Rules) and to regulation 1.02 (Owner's responsibility) of *Yachting Australia's Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats* (the Regulations);
- (b) the Club's experience in conducting Category 7 and 4 races in accordance with the Rules and Regulations over a many years, including the length of the races, weather conditions and incidents that have occurred during the races;
- (c) the requirement of Fundamental Rule 1 (Safety) that a boat shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger and the capacity of boats participating in a race to do so; and
- (d) Marine Rescue NSW following its usual practices and procedures on receipt of a Distress or Urgency signal/call, including liaising with any other relevant authority.

1. DEFINITIONS

boat means a keel or trailable boat participating in a race.

Club means the Batemans Bay Sailing Club Inc.

Handbook means the *Handbook for Keel & Trailable Boats – Notice of Races and Sailing Instructions 2011-2012* published by the Club

Marine Rescue means a Marine Rescue NSW organisation at Batemans Bay and Ulladulla.

Plan means this Emergency Management Plan.

race means a race for keel or trailable boats listed in the program published in the Club's Handbook or otherwise notified to Marine Rescue NSW.

Rules mean the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*.

rules means a rule as defined in the Rules, Yachting Australia's Prescriptions to the Rules and its Special Regulations, as amended by the Club's Notice of Race or its sailing instructions in its Handbook.

Welfare Officer means a person appointed by the Salvation Army, Batemans Bay.

2. AIM

2.1 To provide:

- (a) a fast and effective response to an emergency; and
- (b) support for a participant, or the next of kin of a participant, who may be involved in an emergency.

3. SCOPE

3.1 This Plan applies to each boat participating in a keel and trailable race conducted by the Club.

3.2 The procedures detailed in this Plan shall be followed in the event of an emergency.

4. AREA COVERED

4.1 The area covered by this Plan is the waters on the NSW eastern coast from the vicinity of Ulladulla in the North to the vicinity of Moruya Head in the South including the waters of Batemans Bay and the Clyde River.

5 A BOAT'S RESPONSIBILITY

5.1 A boat participating in a race shall observe the rules and log-on with Marine Rescue, Batemans Bay, observing its procedures and when doing so inform it of the boat's intention to:

- (a) participate in a race;
- (b) maintain a listening watch on:
 - (i) 27MHz channel 88 or VHF channel 16; and
 - (ii) 27 MHz Channel 94 or VHF Channel 74 for Club race instructions.

6. ACTIVATION OF THE PLAN

6.1 Marine Rescue NSW may activate the Plan:

- (a) in response to a Distress or Urgency signal/call by a boat; or
- (b) if a boat fails to respond to a communication from Marine Rescue NSW.

6.2 A boat may activate the Plan by making a Distress or Urgency signal/call in accordance with the Marine Radio Operator's Handbook (summarised below) on:

- (a) 27MHz channel 88; or
- (b) VHF channel 16 or 80.

DISTRESS

Signal: **MAYDAY** (repeated three times).

This signal indicates that the boat or person using it is threatened by grave and immediate danger and requests immediate assistance

Distress Call:

This is: boat's name and call sign.

Boat's position.

Nature of emergency.

Repeat.

Active the boat's EPIRB

URGENCY

An injury to a crew member or substantial damage to a boat requiring external assistance.

Man overboard.

Signal: **PAN PAN** (repeated three times).

All stations (repeated three times)

Urgency Call:

This is: boat's name and call sign.

Boat's position.

Urgency message.

Repeat.

6.3 Nothing in this Plan precludes a boat experiencing an emergency from seeking assistance by other means – see Part 8 for NSW Marine Rescue phone numbers.

7. ACTIVATION STAGES

- 7.1 On receipt of a Distress or Urgency signal/call from a boat, Marine Rescue NSW having followed its usual practices and procedures will inform the fleet of a stage of activation of the Plan as outlined below and designate any boat that may be required to provide assistance.

STAGES OF ACTIVATION

ALERT

An incident has occurred or there is imminent danger of an incident. Each boat shall maintain a close listening watch on the frequency nominated by Marine Rescue NSW.

STANDBY

An incident or emergency has occurred and a boat may be required to render assistance. Each boat shall maintain a close listening watch for instructions on the frequency nominated by Marine Rescue NSW.

RESPONSE

An incident or emergency is being responded to by the Police, Marine Rescue NSW or a designated boat. Each boat shall maintain a close listening watch for instructions on the frequency nominated by Marine Rescue NSW, keep a look out for responding boats and obey directions transmitted by it.

RECOVERY

A boat or a crew member is being recovered by the Police, Marine Rescue NSW or an assigned boat. Each boat shall maintain a close listening watch for instructions on the frequency nominated by Marine Rescue NSW, keep a look out for responding boats and obey directions transmitted by it.

8. EXAMPLES AND ACTIONS

8.1 Dismasted boat, injury requiring medical treatment.

A boat is dismasted off Black Rock. The crew cut away her mast and rigging and while doing so a crew member suffers a lacerated hand.

A First Aid qualified crew member commences treatment of the injured crew member (assessing it as requiring medical treatment) while the boat makes way for Batemans Bay under her own power.

The boat makes a Pan Pan call, details the situation her position, course and speed.

Marine Rescue NSW, Batemans Bay:

- (a) Marine Rescue NSW acknowledges the boat's situation;
- (b) Marine Rescue NSW instigates the Plan's **Alert Stage**.
- (b) Marine Rescue NSW arranges an ambulance to rendezvous with the boat at the Batemans Bay marina; and

8.2 Severely injured crew member.

A boat off Durras has a crew member with a head injury suffered as a result of an involuntary gybe.

A First Aid qualified crew member commences treatment of the injured crew member and assesses the injury as requiring off-the-boat medical assistance.

The boat makes a Pan Pan call detailing the situation as requiring off-the-boat-assistance.

Marine Rescue NSW, Batemans Bay:

- (a) acknowledges the boat's situation;
- (b) Marine Rescue NSW instigates the Plan's **Response Stage** despatching one of its craft to rendezvous with the boat and lift the injured crew member for faster conveyance to treatment; and
- (b) Marine Rescue NSW instigates the Plan's **Recovery Stage**.

8.3 Boat sinking

A boat has struck Sullivans Reef off Ulladulla resulting in major flooding. The crew's attempt to stem the flow of water is failing.

The boat makes a Mayday call, reporting her position and the estimated time she may remain afloat.

Marine Rescue NSW Ulladulla:

- (a) acknowledges the boat's situation;
- (b) Marine Rescue NSW instigates the Plan's **Response Stage** despatching its craft to rendezvous with the boat; and
- (b) Marine Rescue NSW instigates the Plan's **Recovery Stage**.

9. CONTACT DETAILS

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