



HAYLING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

CONTINGENCY PLANS

STRONG WIND

STRONG WIND FORECAST BEFORE LAUNCH

- PRO postpones start, or limits the numbers going afloat by fleet and/or level of experience, or abandons racing.

STRONG WIND ARRIVES UNEXPECTEDLY DURING THE RACE

- PRO, ARO and SL and Sandy keeps eye on any developing weather indicators, including internet weather beacons eg Bramblemet, Chimet and Cambermet.
- PRO shortens or abandons racing, whichever provides shortest route back to HISC.
- Safety Boats position themselves en route.
- Safety Boats attend back markers first when assistance is needed.
- If necessary, when safety boats become overloaded, Marine Department, Hayling Rescue and Harbour Patrol are called for back up.



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FOG

Fog can form and disappear very quickly when there is high pressure and Easterly wind, or it can be blown by the wind in banks along the coast.

- Race Team keeps watch for fog generation or arrival.
- PRO shortens course or abandons, whichever provides the shortest route back to HISC.
- All safety boats carry compasses, some with GPS.
- Safety boats slowly lead the way back, accompanying groups of dinghies.
- If conditions are still safety boats whistle, then keep silent and listen for responses.
- Safety boats continue to search until all sailors have returned their Tallies.



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ENTRAPMENTS AND SERIOUS INJURIES

- Safety boats are briefed to attend all incidents, quickly, in order to count heads. Incidents are emergencies and the harbour speed limit may be exceeded provided no-one is put in danger.
- If there is inversion with entrapment, safety boats are briefed to right the boat as being the fastest way to release the sailor. If the centreboard is exposed the safety boat crew can step onto the hull and assist righting the dinghy.
- If the sailor is unconscious or seriously injured or other serious medical emergency, then the Code Red process is used.
- The safety boat finding the problem calls Code Red – Code Red- Code Red on the race radio channel, normally 37 or N1. The safety boat states its call sign, position and the problem.
- The nearest other safety boat goes to assist while everyone else keeps radio silence to keep the channel clear.
- If the safety boat decides an ambulance is required, they must ask Sandy or Club Office to make the 999 call, (press 9 to get outside line). The Club states where the casualty is to be landed.
- The Office or Marine Department opens the causeway gate and dinghy park gate and sends someone to the causeway gate to guide the ambulance to the casualty, pontoon or first aid room.
- From the Tally number of the casualty, their name should be found and given to the ambulance crew and next of kin informed.
- The PRO or SL informs the coastguard, so they know about the incident before the ambulance service informs them.
- Radio silence is to be maintained until the PRO or SL cancels it.



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MISSING SAILORS

Missing sailors are unlikely as all three race areas are in direct line of sight with the race box, which is fitted with powerful binoculars. Some safety boats will not be stood down until all Tallies are accounted for. Should an on-the-water search be implemented, due account will be taken of the race area and tidal conditions in selecting where to search first and any last seen sightings. The areas expected to be searched are: the Pilsey and Thorney shores, East Head including the West Wittering inlet and the channels for Itchenor, Thorney, Emsworth, Mill Rythe and Mengham.

If searching out of the harbour is considered necessary, Solent Coastguard will be informed.

The following planned actions will be implemented.

When 30mins after last of fleet has been seen to land on beach a sailor's tally has not been returned:-

Actions:

- 1) Check any 'seen ashore' sail number lists.
- 2) Broadcast name on public address.
- 3) Check for trolley and ask around dinghy park.
- 4) Look for car registration number.
- 5) Call sailor's parents or guardians using given phone numbers.
- 6) SL briefs Safety Boats with the search plan.

If the tally has not been returned after a further 30mins:-

Actions:

- 7) Deploy the Safety Boats and start on water search.
- 8) Advise Harbour Patrol that we are searching.

If the tally has not been returned after a further 30 minutes:-

Actions:

- 9) Request Harbour Master assistance.
- 10) Harbour Master would be expected to assume control at this point.