



2019-20 Couta Boat Season SAFETY



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In this section we will cover

- Entry
- Safety Declarations and Inspections
- Incident and Incident Control
- Sailing Instructions
- Crew Registers
- Incident de-briefs / Umpiring
- Duck and Tinnie Inductions – Restrictions on use
- Jetty Hazards

2018-19 Couta Boat Season



- Safety Inspection (self) and Declaration must be completed before entry
- Block entry via Topyacht link
 - It will be easier because your boat is now in the system.
 - Update the details
- Can't log in – see Ben

Safety Declarations

- Must be completed properly
- You must check dates of PFDs and Flares
- Buoyant equipment to have boat name
 - Floorboards, fenders...
- Sharp knife – readily accessible in cockpit
- Engine and battery must continue to work
- Safety Audits
- Focus on being safe, 1 warning then penalties



Do not tick and flick

Incident and Incident Control



- D - Check for danger
- R – Response – is the person responding
- S – Send for help
 - VHF Radio, Whistle (in PFD), Flares, Wave arms, Yell, Mobile Phone
- VHF
 - All boats, All Boats This is Darney, Darney, Darney,
 - We are at the Top Mark, at the Top Mark,
 - Man Overboard, Man Overboard
 - Crew OK but needs help, Crew OK but needs help
 - or
 - Crew in Danger, Crew in Danger

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Incident Response



- Race Management will acknowledge
- An Incident Controller will respond
- Ribs and any other appropriate boats dispatched
- Nearby Couta Boats must help if they can – RRS Rule 1
- Couta Boats that help get redress from Protest Committee

NOR and SI Tips

- Read them



Crew register

- Safety Requirement
- Options
 - Mobile Phone (preferred)
 - Paper
- Adding crew
 - Send SMS to new crew and they complete, or
 - Person in charge adds details



[SP] Standard Penalties

- Applied without a protest hearing – Just like OCS
- Smaller penalty so that:
 - Applied whenever there is a breach
 - Consistently applied
- Used for actions that
 - Disrupt enjoyment
 - Diminish safety systems

De-Briefs and Umpires



- If there is no protest, and boats are still unclear on rules a de-brief will be available
- Most often, sailors just want the other boat to know the rules properly for next time
- If Damage, Injury or Dangerous – Club Captain may request boats attend a de-brief....
- Umpiring – Continuing as less incidents happen when they are there

Duck and Tinnie Inductions

- Introducing a program to better control use
- Members will need a Licence
- Induction to cover safe use and proper use
- At some stage, induction will become mandatory.



Jetty Hazards



- Despite the signage there are swimmers in the vicinity of Jetty,
- We cannot stop people swimming around the Jetty
- Always have your crew lookout as well
- On approach, plan another escape route
- Help each other with dock lines

Key Points



- Fun and enjoyable season
- Safety at all times
- Competitive and fair sailing
- Increase participation by encouraging more members to sail
- Increase on water participation plan your season
- Build friendships and make new ones