



# 2020-21 Couta Boat Season SAFETY



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# 2020-21 Couta Boat Season



- Covid -19 will change how we sail and enjoy the club.
- Our goal is to facilitate as much sailing as possible in the formats allowed by the directions and in a manner that we view as safe and acceptable.
- Special Sailing Instructions – to reduce Race Management required
- Duck Distancing – 1 boat crew per duck.
- On Shore - getting the balance right
- Fun for everyone – Safe and Fair

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- Safety Inspection (self) and Declaration must be completed before entry is finalised
- 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 Jorja or Ben – administration

# Safety Declarations

- Sharp knife – readily accessible in cockpit
- Life Jackets will work
- Must be completed properly
- You must check dates of PFDs and Flares
- Engine and battery must continue to work



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
- NO PENALTY FOR GETTING HELP FOR A CREW IN DANGER!

# Crew register



- Safety Requirement for people on Board

Set up your crew and then it is easy to tap the crew sailing each week.

- Adding crew
  - Send SMS to new crew and they complete, or
  - Person in charge adds details
- Contact Tracing for our Covid Safe Plan



# 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

# Ducks



- Aggregate days will have tender service.
- Some other days we will be able to help.
- Don't take the only duck and be gone for 15 minutes. – Bring another in from the med moorings.
- Instructors cannot leave a class to ferry to boats.
- Members will need a Licence

# 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

# Handicaps



- Similar aggregate System settings
- Last years finishing aggregate handicap used for 2020-21 (with any crew or equipment adjustments)
- Aggregate Starts with the Mercedes-Benz Mornington Nationals
- Cannot wash off new equipment penalties in the pre-season

# Covid-19 impacts



- Next two weeks
  - Reduced crew – 1.5m – 90% of the time (contact sport for adults)
  - Easy passage races
  - Lower wind limits / acceptable sea conditions
  - Have a fun safe sail
- The last step – Wooden Boat Shop Series – 28 November
  - Key restriction is a density quotient 1 person per 4 sq meters
  - Detailed Direction has not been published

# Summary



- Be safe
- We will make the best of what we can work with.