

2024/25 SSCBC ON-WATER SAFETY PLAN

RACING AREA

As per the briefing and direction from the OA and RO.

VHF Channels: Couta Boats VHF 73
 OTB Regatta VHF 69 – “Coach David” / “Extra Safety”

ON WATER: RADIO TOWER with POB AS LEAVING + RETURNING

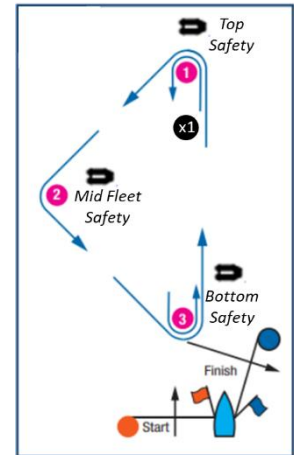
Safety Boats

- Monitor your whole fleet
- Brevity – “humour via tone or 1 additional word”
- Advise as changing areas - Count all your boats ashore
- Notify the Tower if a boat leaves the racing areas and returns to shore

AT ALL TIMES

- Radio On – active listening
- All capsizes – **Determine if normal or hard – Watch heads come up and OK**
- Call for support when you have no capacity to handle the next problem.

Outside help rule changed – No penalty for getting help in danger – can keep racing.



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Call 000 – Person closest to patient is best – Then let the team know on VHF and we’ll support you

Name	Role	Contact
RO Phone on Volunteer	Race Officer	0491 764 331
Sorrento Tower	Oversight	VHF 73 – 5984 8207
Results	Incident Room	VHF 69 – 5984 8206
Gavin Wall	General Manager	0491 754 427
David White	Academy Manager	0408 104 449
Julia Mackinnon	Sailing Operations	0493 293 995
BYS	Tower	VHF 71 – (03) 5925 9600
Ambulance/Police/Fire		000
Rosebud Hospital		(03) 5986 0666
Water Police		VHF 16 – (03) 9399 7500 (24 hours)

AMBULANCE 000 ADDRESS

SSCBC, 3154 Point Nepean Road, Sorrento, VIC, 3943.

Vehicles enter via the upper car park and come down the ramp in front of the jetty. A Staff/Volunteer will be at the entrance of the carpark to flag down and escort the vehicles to the ramp.



ABANDONMENT COORDINATION PLAN

Safety Level	Conditions	Person in Control	Actions
LEVEL 1 GENERAL PATROL and RESCUE	Wind speed 0 – 15 knots	Course Race Officer (CRO) (or Safety Officer if RO delegated responsibility of safety to them) On duty: Safety Boats, First Aider, Tower, Senior Staff Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rescue craft to patrol designated areas - Towed dinghies rescued to start-finish vessels or shore. - Rescue craft not to leave course without clearance from CRO.
LEVEL 2 STAND BY	Wind speed OTB: 15 – 25 knots Wind speed CB: 15 – 22 knots Strong Currents, rough Sea State	Course Race Officer (CRO) (or Safety Officer if RO delegated responsibility of safety to them) On duty: Safety Boats, First Aider, Tower, Senior Staff Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As above - Constant monitoring of conditions - CRO to keep evaluating if boats can handle conditions - Extra support boats may enter course and assist when requested by CRO
LEVEL 3 ABANDON RACES	Wind speed >25 knots for OTB Wind speed >22 knots for CB Wind and sea conditions not safe for ongoing racing. Eg electrical storm, thunderstorm, fog/whiteout, wave conditions, strong currents.	Course Race Officer (CRO) (or Safety Officer if RO delegated responsibility of safety to them) On duty: Safety Boats (extra support boats), First Aider, Tower, Beach Marshall, Senior Staff Member (to support on-water)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rescue craft directed by CRO (watch the back of the fleet; form a sweep so no one gets past) - Rescue craft to either tow boats ashore or abandon boats after tagging with (crew safe) tape and tied to mark where possible - CRO to coordinate other available boats to assist where practical - Where necessary, get sailors to help sail other boats in - Keep patrol boats afloat until sailors are safely ashore; - Appoint Beach Marshalls to assist sailors ashore / tally sail numbers ashore and check number of trolleys - Tower to keep log of status/location of all boats (Situation Board) and liaise with CRO and Beach Marshall - CRO, Safety Boats and Tower to identify and track stray boats that are not between a patrol boat and shore. - Tower to monitor and log all radio safety traffic, last outside safety calls, last boat ashore - Tower to supervise the sign off process until all boats are accounted for;
LEVEL 4 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE REQUIRED	Inability of Rescue Personnel to effectively manage the situation	Principle Race Officer (PRO)/Senior Staff Member On duty: Safety Boats (extra support boats), First Aider, Tower, Beach Marshall, Senior Staff Member (on shore)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue as above - Decision to call external agency (Volunteer Marine Rescue/Coast Guard/Police/SES) - Beach Marshall and Tower continue head count/Situation Board - Shore gets more resources

ON-WATER RESCUE PROCEDURE

