

Preamble;

To maintain the safety of competitors and rescue boat crew the Altona Yacht Club Inc requires the Sailing Committee to meet prior to the competitor briefing for each race day.

Policy Objective;

The Altona Yacht Club has a legal requirement to ensure it conducts all competition in a safe manner giving due regard to the prevailing weather conditions and the likely weather conditions competitors and rescue boat crews will experience on the course during the conduct of racing. In order to discharge this obligation it is a requirement that a meeting of members of the Sailing Committee take place on each day of competition prior to the competitor briefing to consider the weather condition likely to be experienced by competitors on the day.

Policy Details;

- A sailing Committee meeting will comprise a minimum of two members of the Sailing Committee on the race day prior to the briefing.
- The Sailing Committee will review both current weather conditions and sea state and the forecast weather conditions and forecast sea state.
- If it feels necessary the Sailing Committee may seek input from experienced club sailors who are not members of the Sailing Committee.
- Where deemed necessary by either the current weather conditions and sea state or forecast weather conditions and sea state the Sailing Committee can at its sole discretion:
  - Postpone the commencement of racing for the day for a time later in the day than the scheduled commencement time.
  - Postpone the racing for another day.
  - Alter the racing program for the day.
  - Declare that no competitors or water craft are to leave the beach.
- Where the racing program is altered for the day the Sailing Committee must follow the relevant provisions of the YA Racing Rules of Sailing.
- Racing will be postponed where the current weather and sea condition or predicted weather and sea conditions indicate likely sustained average wind speeds (2 minute average) in excess of 20 knots and waves heights in excess of 2 meters or a very confused sea state with significant white water.
- If a competitor (s) leaves the beach in their boat after the Sailing Committee have declared no-one is to leave the beach, the competitor (s) will be called before the Altona Yacht Club Committee at the next meeting at the next meeting of the Altona Yacht Club Committee to explain their actions and shall suffer a penalty as the Altona Yacht Club Committee sees fit which may include forfeiture of race points.

Responsibilities;

- The Sailing Secretary or Officer Of the Day is responsible for ensuring a calling the Race Day Sailing Committee Meeting.
- The Sailing Secretary or Officer Of the Day is responsible for completing the Race Day Form and filing of the same.

Approval; Approved by the Committee of the Altona Yacht Club Inc meeting