

Manly Yacht Club (MYC)

Safety Declaration:



The owner / representative declares that the MYC Safety Briefing Notes have been read, understood and will be complied with. This declaration must be made in writing to the MYC office (sailing@myc.org.au)

Owner/Representative:

Signature:

Boat:

Date:

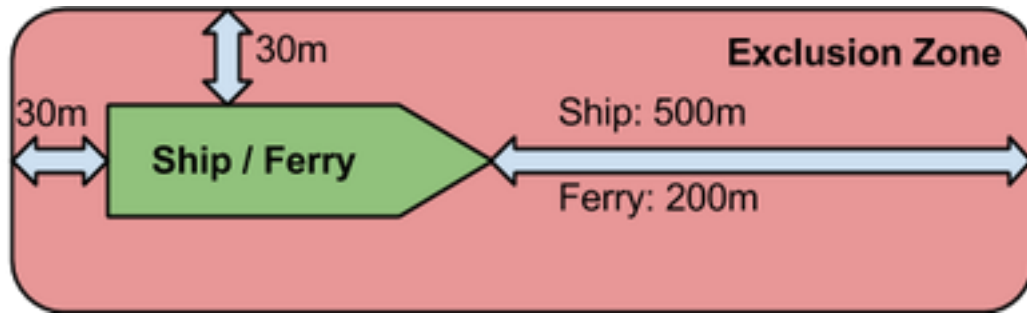
Moored/berthed at :

Mobile(s) onboard:

MYC Safety Briefing Notes

- All competing boats must hold an Equipment Compliance Certificate of the category specified in the NOR. It is the competitors responsibility to keep in compliance throughout the season. MYC does not certify the seaworthiness or suitability to race of any boat.
- In addition to a the Equipment Compliance Certificate:
 - MYC requires that all boats carry either a VHF radio or a mobile phone whose number is known to the Race Committee
 - The MYC Twilight NOR/SI requires that all boats must carry and show navigation lights to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea.
 - MYC highly recommends that all boats carry
 - an efficient sound signal device other than whistle
 - a YA compliant lifebuoy and/or throw line ready for immediate use
 - Flares (recommended 1 red & 1 orange)
 - The MYC handbook
- Racing is governed by:
 - The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, which have been updated for 2013. Skippers should attend a training session and must understand rules 1-5.
 - MYC Race Prerequisites / Rules / Organisation in MYC handbook section 6.
 - MYC bylaws and policies in MYC handbook sections 2.1-2.2.
 - The current sailing instructions, which may be amended. It is the competitors responsibility to check for amendments.
- MYC is not in a position to provide support or assistance to boats and crew during the course of a race. The competitor is aware of:
 - the perils of the sea and the Risk Warning in the MYC handbook section 2.4
 - the Safety and Emergency Plan for Competitors in the MYC handbook section 2.5
 - requirements in case of an accident in the MYC handbook section 2.6
 - the need to give all crew safety briefings and to practise drills eg MOB
 - the requirement that all regular crew are current members of Yachting Australia or ISAF approved organisation.
 - how and when to contact: MYC Duty office, Marine Rescue, Water Police.

- Competitors must keep clear of commercial shipping and ferries. An active exclusion zone exists around ships and ferries that extends 30m to either side; 30m from the stern; 200m ahead of a ferry and 500m ahead any ship.



Do not pass between a ship and an escort vessel.

- Racing on the harbour gives no special rights over non racing boats. If a boat does defer to a racing boat, it is only a courtesy and one which is less likely to be extended if there are no thanks or a pre-emptive shout of "racing"!
- Competitors should be considerate of other harbour users, racing clubs. For example they should not sail through an active starting or finishing line.

**YOU'RE THE SKIPPER
YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE!**

Whale and dolphin watching

Whale approach distances



Dolphin approach distances



Advice to skippers

- Go slow when within 300m of whales and 150m of dolphins
- No more than three vessels at a time should approach whales or dolphins. Wait for your turn and don't barge in
- Start your approach at an angle of at least 30 degrees to their direction of travel
- If a whale approaches your vessel:
 - Slow down to 'no wash' speed
 - Move away or disengage your vessel's gears
 - Make no sudden movement
 - Minimise noise