

Manly Yacht Club (MYC)

Safety Declaration 2020-2021

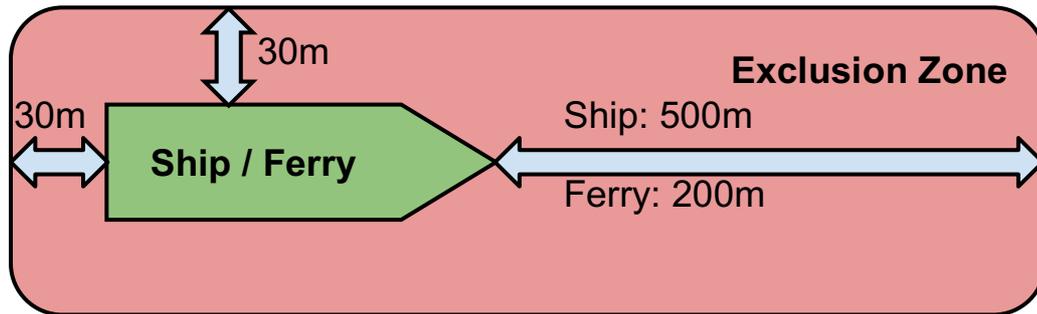


MYC Safety Briefing

- The competitor must read:
 - the **Risk Warning** in the MYC handbook
 - the **Risk Assessment** in the MYC handbook
 - the **Safety Plan for Competitors** in the MYC handbook
 - the **Emergency Communications** in the MYC handbook
 - the **Incident Reporting** in the MYC handbook
 - the **General Conditions of Racing** as defined in the MYC handbook
- The competitor must know and understand:
 - the current Racing Rules of Sailing of the International Sailing Federation and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations (“The Blue Book”).
 - the Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (“Coll Regs”), which will always prevail where racing and non-racing vessels interact and when vessels are racing under different governing body regulations.
- The competitor is aware that:
 - MYC is not in a position to provide support or assistance to boats and crew during the course of a race
 - all competing boats must hold an Australian Sailing Equipment Compliance Certificate of the category specified in the NOR, which must be kept in compliance throughout the season.
 - all competing boats must hold a MYC Special Requirements Certificate, which must be kept in compliance throughout the season.
 - MYC does not certify the seaworthiness or suitability to race of any boat
 - current appropriate insurance is a requirement of entry
 - competitors have a duty of care to their crew, who should receive regular safety briefings and practice safety drills e.g. MOB
 - all crew who have raced more than 3 races in total for a season, must be current members of Australian Sailing or a World Sailing organization.
- MYC requires that:
 - all boats competing in the MYC Twilight Series must carry and show navigation lights to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea

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

- MYC advises that:
 - 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 and racing clubs. For example, they should not sail through an active starting or finishing line.

MYC Safety Declaration 2020-2021

By signing this document, the owner / representative declares that:

this MYC Safety Briefing has been read, understood and will be complied with.

Furthermore, the owner / representative declares that they **either**:

attended the 2020-2021 MYC safety briefing

watched the video of the MYC safety briefing available via <http://myc.org.au/racing.shtml>)

attended another Sydney Harbour sailing club's safety briefing for 2020-2021

Boat:

Sail Number:

Owner/Representative:

Signature:

Date:

This declaration must be provided to the MYC office (sailingsec@myc.org.au) or uploaded with a SailSys online entry.

On-Water Risks

- The skipper of each boat is responsible for ensuring that the boat is properly prepared and that all crew are adequately briefed or trained
- What's your plan for the key risks?
 - Person overboard
 - Injury to crew
 - Vessel damage (e.g. dismasting), grounding, sinking, fire etc
 - Vessel collision
 - Bad weather

Emergency Services

- Check for any dangers to yourself and your crew before attending to an injured person. Assess the situation fully before taking action. Try to remain calm.
- Immediately call emergency services on '000' if:
 - The incident involves potential loss of life or serious injury
 - A vessel is disabled or damaged to the extent that people are at risk
 - You anticipate difficulty in retrieving a person overboard
 - **If you are in any doubt, call '000'. Delaying the call may risk a life**
- Lesser incidents
 - Where life is not threatened but assistance is still required call Marine Rescue on VHF 16 or 02 9450 2468
- Notify all incidents where assistance was required as soon as practicable to MYC on VHF 72 or 9977 4949
 - See Safety Plan for Competitors in Handbook
 - Participants should be aware that committee vessels and race officers are not equipped nor trained to facilitate emergency response or rescue efforts. They may assist, but emergency services remain the best and most reliable response for an on-water incident

Emergency Services Dispatcher Procedures

- Keep calm, stay relevant and answer the dispatcher's questions
- Fire, Ambulance or Police?
 - Police can contact water police
- Location of patient
- Address of MYC
 - East Esplanade, below Wood St
 - Emphasise MYC not MSSC
- How to access patient
 - Use the closest landing e.g. Ferry Wharf
 - MYC Wharf also good choice for patients who can climb off the boat
 - If need stretcher, then use MYC Pontoon (depth permitting) or steps at the end of the Manly 16-Foot Skiff Club
- Give patient information
 - Male / female
 - Age
 - Conscious?
 - Bleeding?
 - Details of injury
- Flowchart in MYC Office may help

Incident Reports

- A written report MUST be submitted to RMS (see RMS website Maritime / Incidents and emergencies) within 24 hours if:
 - Death or injury
 - Damage > \$5,000
 - Damage or risk to the environment
- For MYC to fulfil its aquatic licence responsibilities, it is essential that skippers provide MYC as soon as practicable with a written report (use MYC Accident / Incident Form on website) of any incident occurring during a MYC event if it:
 - Was reportable to RMS
 - Involved a person overboard (other than MOB recovery practice)
 - Required external assistance
 - Involved a vessel collision, whether racing or not
- Don't forget to lodge a protest! (you can later withdraw)