

HERVEY BAY SAILING CLUB

SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY ADVICE

2021

When registering your intent to sail with Hervey Bay Sailing Club Inc, you acknowledge your understanding and compliance with 2 specific sections of the Racing Rules of Sailing -

- RRS Fundamental Rule 3
“**DECISION TO RACE** – The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”
- Australian Sailing Special Regulation Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats
“**1.02 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PERSON IN CHARGE**
1.02.1 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do their best to ensure that the boat is structurally sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew who are physically fit to face the expected conditions. The owner and the person in charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. The owner and the person in charge must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows how to use it.

1.02.2 Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by race organisers, nor the inspection of a boat under these regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner and the person in charge.

1.02.3 The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a cruising event or race, or to continue racing is hers alone - RRS Fundamental Rule 3 “

As a small volunteer organisation, Hervey Bay Sailing Club Inc., acknowledges, but is not able to fully comply with, the published safety guidelines of Australian Sailing or Yachting Queensland. The Course Boats provide marks and signals necessary to facilitate racing. If requested by a boat in distress, the experienced course boat crews will offer assistance within the limits they consider safe to do so, or will otherwise advise the relevant Emergency Services of the location and needs of the boat in distress and stand by the boat until assistance becomes available.

The person in charge of a sailing boat (or for a junior, their parent /guardian) and all participants have a personal responsibility to undertake their own assessment of safety and risks with the knowledge that assistance and rescue may not always be readily available in the event of an on water incident. As stated in Fundamental Rule 3 and Special Regulation 1.02, when participating in a race, the person in charge of the sailing boat, accepts all risks, including those that may have serious consequences.

The Hervey Bay Sailing Club Inc will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event or regatta.

By entering and participating in a Hervey Bay Sailing Club event, you are acknowledging this safety and responsibility advice.