

SCHEDULE FOR RISK ASSESSMENT AND DECISION TO HOLD RACING

- 1. Weather**

Obtain up-to-date weather information, wind strength, direction for course area. If necessary contact Coastguard at Pendennis, **telephone:- 01326 317575** for up-to-date information.
- 2. Severe Weather**

High winds, fog, decide whether to abandon racing or racing for certain classes eg open boats, gaffers, Sunbeams. Make an early decision so as to ensure competitors do not leave moorings in adverse conditions.

Display Flag Y to ensure life jackets are worn, if appropriate.
- 3. Tide, Check Times of High and Low Water**

Assess whether this affects course being set or in case of spring tides ability of competitors to finish in light winds.
- 4. Commercial Shipping**

Telephone Pilots on 01326 **211395** or **07836 661668** to check if any shipping movements will affect the courses set. It may be necessary for race starts to be postponed or abandoned if the fairway has to be cleared. Use the AP flag to postpone, N over A to abandon racing completely. Keep competitors informed on Channel 72.
- 5. Harbour Master's Notices**

Check Falmouth Harbour website (falmouthharbour.co.uk) to see if there are any port notices that may affect the courses being set.
- 6. Courses**

Check to see if these are commensurate with tide, weather, commercial shipping information. Be aware of lee shores in times of high winds also shallow water areas. Check to see that mark roundings can take place without undue congestion of numbers or size of boat.
- 7. Start Line**

Reduce risk of collision by setting a sufficiently long start line using formula, 1.5 times x boat length x boats in class.
- 8. Committee Boat**

In severe weather, it may not be possible for racing to be started safely from this due to difficulty with anchoring, rolling decks, danger to crew fulfilling duties.
- 9. Keeping Records of Starters and Verifying all Boats Unaccounted**

Ensure that as each class starts, numbers of starters are the same as on the race sheet. As boats finish account for them as a finisher or having retired. **Do not leave the club until all starters have been accounted for.**
- 10. Communications**

Ensure VHF at Club and on Committee Boat are on watch of all channels in use plus CH 16, other launches or safety boats should be aware of channels in use and monitor M1(37) or CH72. Ensure charging equipment is fully charged. Committee Boat starts: maintain close contact with the Club Race Office when on station. Give them the race entrants to help with race finishing and courses sailed. Use Club telephone to talk at length **telephone:- 01326 374043**. Keep them informed of race progress, decision to shorten, boats retiring etc.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY SEE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Please see further information with regard to Risk Assessment by reading FSC General Risk Assessment and PoFSA Week Assessment which relates FSC for Falmouth Sailing Week