



MYLOR YACHT CLUB

CRUISING POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

The *House Committee* of the Mylor Yacht Club has delegated to the *Sailing Secretary (Cruising)* (hereinafter referred to as the *Cruising Secretary*) the responsibility of organising and running cruises for the Mylor Yacht Club.

A policy has been devised to enable these cruises to be undertaken safely with due consideration of the risks entailed. This policy has been reviewed and adopted by the *House Committee* which requires that the policy be operated and complied with whenever Club Cruises are organised.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Club Cruises are planned to enable members to enjoy the company of taking part in a semi-informal organised event. In reality they are more of the nature of a Rally rather than a Cruise in Company

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1. Entry Forms:

Each owner/skipper will notify the *Cruising Secretary* of their intention to take part in the Club's cruising programme each year and shall complete an *Entry Form* and send it to the *Cruising Secretary*.

2. Pre-cruise Briefing:

The *Cruising Secretary* shall appoint a *Cruise Co-ordinator* for each cruise (if he/she is not undertaking those duties himself/herself). *The Cruise Co-ordinator's* responsibilities are set out later in this document.

Given the informal nature of the Club's cruises, and the fact on occasion those who originally notify their intention to take part withdraw later due to adverse weather forecasts or other personal circumstances, attendance at a pre-cruise briefing is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged.

3. Owners/Skippers Responsibilities:

Whilst the *Cruising Secretary* and *Cruise Co-ordinator* will exercise due care when organising each cruise, the *Cruising Secretary* will each year send a copy of this policy to all owners/skippers who have notified their intention to take part in a cruise during that year's

programme. This is to ensure that each skipper/owner is aware that the following shall be his/her sole responsibility:-

1. The decision whether to take part or not, taking into account the type of his/her vessel, his/her own experience as a skipper and that of his/her crew.
2. Obtaining and interpreting the appropriate weather forecasts covering each leg of the planned cruise.
3. Determination of the suitability of each destination for his/her vessel.
4. Ensuring that his/her vessel is in an appropriate condition and carries all of the appropriate equipment to take part in the cruise.
5. To notify the *Cruise Co-ordinator* immediately, by VHF or Mobile Phone, in the event they decide to abort the cruise or go to another location, so as to avoid any inadvertent security alarm.
6. To notify the emergency services as appropriate.

The *House Committee* also recommends that each skipper:

1. Completes and registers with Falmouth Coast Guard a form CG66 in respect of his vessel.
2. Applies to the RNLI to carry out a free Sea Check.
3. Complies with the appropriate regulations under SOLAS V.
4. Has obtained an International Certificate of Competence (ICC) or comparable RYA qualification.

4. Alcohol:

Members are reminded about the dangers that the consumption of alcohol can cause whilst taking part in sailing, which also extends to the use of tenders.

5. Cruise Co-ordinator's Responsibilities:

The *Cruising Secretary* shall appoint a person (not necessarily an officer of the club) to take responsibility for organising and co-ordinating each cruise.

All members of the Club intending to take part in any cruise are required to notify the *Cruising Secretary* (and the *Cruise Co-ordinator* if one has been appointed for the cruise) of their intention to do so, preferably by e-mail. This notification shall include any changes to that have become applicable following the submission of the member's *Entry Form*, and shall also notify the numbers of persons that will be on board for that cruise.

The *Cruise Co-ordinator* shall:

1. Before each cruise hold a briefing meeting (usually at the club house) or communicate by e-mail to all members who had notified their intention to take part in the cruise setting out the following:
 - i. The intended destination and a general brief description of the planned trip.
 - ii. The planned latest ETA for the vessels taking part.
 - iii. The VHF channel to be used for inter-ship communications.

- iv. The Mylor Yacht Club Group MMSI number.
 - v. The *Cruise Co-ordinator's* boat name, VHF Call Sign, MMSI Number, and mobile phone number
- 2 Keep a list of all notified participants to include boat names and copies of their cruising entry forms.
 - 3 Provide a list of participating yachts to all those taking part in the cruise, to include boat name, skipper's name, MMSI and mobile phone numbers.
 - 4 On the completion of each leg of a cruise take all reasonable steps to establish the whereabouts of any boat that was notified to be taking part in the cruise and which is not accounted for one hour after the estimated latest ETA set out above. This will include, but not be limited to, calling that boat on VHF Channel 16 and the inter-ship channel allocated for the cruise, calling the owner/skipper's notified mobile phone, and contacting other boats that had taken part in the cruise.

If the vessel cannot be located then the *Cruise Co-ordinator* shall promptly inform the *Coast Guard*.

The responsibilities of the *Cruise Co-ordinator* shall cease when each vessel has arrived at the destination of each leg of the planned cruise or if the *Coast Guard* has been informed that a vessel taking part in the planned cruise has not been accounted for as set out above.

ACCIDENT BOOK

An Accident Book is kept in the clubhouse behind the Bar. All accidents should be recorded promptly after their occurrence. The responsibility to make this entry is that of the event organiser to whom all accidents should be reported.