

Cruising Yacht Club of Australia

Summer Program 2017-18

Notice to Competitors 1

Blue Water Pointscore

Your attention is drawn to the following Special Regulations following reports of some competitors being inadequately prepared for the recent Flinders Islet Race.

Special Regulation 1.02.1 - RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON IN CHARGE

THE SAFETY OF A BOAT AND HER CREW IS THE SOLE AND INESCAPABLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON IN CHARGE.

Special Regulation 5.04 - PERSONAL CLOTHING - It is recommended that during rough weather, crew that are on deck wear clothing that will protect them from hypothermia.

Special Regulation 5.05 PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACON A GPS capable 406 MHz Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) registered with a national registration authority **shall be carried by or attached to each member of the crew when on deck.**

PLBs shall be:

- (a) Within battery life
- (b) Regularly tested to ensure they are in working condition
- (c) Registered in the user's name.

Crew members are to be trained in the use of this equipment.

It is further requested that owners also review their boats safety brief to ensure that crew members are being briefed on the location and operation of safety equipment as well as Man Overboard procedures and recovery.

Before Race 3 of the Series all competitors will need to sign a revised crew disclaimer acknowledging that they understand the operation of their Lifejackets/PLB's and understand the boats safety equipment with respect to its stowage, maintenance and operation. Additionally, to remind all of the Special Regs requirement to wear a PLB when on deck at all times when racing in Cat 1 and 2 races.



Justine Kirkjian
Sailing Manager
28 September 2017