

HOBSONS BAY YACHT CLUB



BOAT DRIVER (BD) – ROLE DESCRIPTION – v2.0

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to define the requirements of the HBYC 'Boat Driver' who will work under direction of the Race Officer (RO).

2. PRIMARY DUTY.

Drive HBYC Committee/Start boat 'Privateer' or alternate Club boat for the designated RO running the event and assist the RO with timekeeping and/or flags etc.

Monitor all Commercial shipping in either the Williamstown or Port Melbourne Shipping Channels via VHF Ch 12 and/or Chart Plotter on 'HBYC 'Privateer' and/or a marine traffic app on a smart phone/iPad.

All Skippers are reminded of their responsibility under rule 9(b) of the IRPCS, (b) "A vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway."

If you think a conflict situation is possible maintain a diligent listening watch on the VTS working channel (Ch 12) and respond promptly as necessary to calls from large vessels or the VTS.

Shipping Sound Signal Meanings:

- One short blast – I am altering course to starboard (right).
- Two short blasts – I am altering course to port (left).
- Three short blasts – I am operating engines astern (stopping).
- Five (or more) short blasts – I'm unsure of your intentions and I doubt whether you are taking enough avoiding action to avoid collision.

Reference should be made to the HBYC On-Water Safety Management Plan available at hbyc.org.au

3. REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Be at the Club one hour prior to Club activity and remain on duty until the Race Officer has confirmed that you can stand down.
- 3.2 Be familiar with the operation of a VHF radio and primary call signs.
HBYC Land Officer **'Hobsons Bay Base'**
HBYC Start/Committee Boat **'Hobsons Bay Race Control'**
- 3.3 Perform a radio check with **'Hobsons Bay Base'** and ensure the AIS is operational prior to leaving the marina.
- 3.4 During the event maintain a 'watch' at all times on
 - Both sides of the primary shipping channels at all times.
 - Ch 12, 16 and Race channel.
 - Chart Plotter on 'HBYC 'Privateer' and/or a marine traffic app on a smart phone or iPad.
- 3.5 Liaise at all times with the Race Officer, Committee/Start/Finish boat.
- 3.6 Be aware of MOB procedures.
- 3.7 HBYC may assist in a Distress (MAYDAY) or urgency call (PAN PAN) however it is the water police and / or Marine Radio Victoria (MRV) who will take the lead role in these situations. Allow up to 10 seconds once a call is heard to see if the authorities have responded to such a call.
- 3.8 Undertake all required boat and engine inspections pre and post the event.
- 3.9 Note any malfunctions, repairs, maintenance required to the Club Manager and/or Sail Coordinator post the event.