

HOBSONS BAY YACHT CLUB



SAIL RETURN (SR) – POSITION DESCRIPTION – v1.0

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to define the requirements of the Return Sail Officer following the completion of a Passage Race.

2. PRIMARY DUTY.

Monitor all returning boats from an HBYC Passage Race to home or safe harbour.

Sailing Instructions state

It is MANDATORY to advise your intention to return to a boats home port or safe harbour via text message within one hour of finishing to the Race Mobile 0474 079 202 with an estimated ETA.

On arrival at your home port or safe harbour. advise via text to the Race Mobile 0474 079 202.

Competitors are reminded, if considering returning to Hobsons Bay on the same day, that their boats must be adequately equipped to comply with night sailing. AS Safety Category 5N highly recommended. Single hander night returns are an increased risk and are discouraged.

3. REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Be available post-race to monitor all returning boats.

3.2 RO to provide list of all race starters, finishers and retirements.

3.3 Be familiar with the operation of a VHF radio and race phone.

3.4 Monitor 'race mobile phone' and log all text messages received on the 'Sail Return Sheet'.

3.5 Have Access to the Race Room and the Race Room Computer (Password – Raceroom2018) to enable access to the TopYacht Crew Declaration database to understand crew numbers on each active boat and emergency contact details.

Access details to the Crew Declaration database are provided adjacent to the race room computer.

3.6 If a boat does not forward a text and is not noted as staying overnight, the SR should firstly try to call the boat and other returning boats on VHF 16 and/or the mobile number of the skipper available from the crew declaration.

If a boat does not confirm they are in Home Port 30min post their ETA, again call the boat on VHF Ch 16 and/or the mobile number of the skipper available from the crew declaration.

If no contact made, we might have to physically see if the boat has arrived at their Home Port.

If no contact call Vice Commodore and Club Manager

If post this check, a call to the Water Police (9399 7500) should be made to alert their attention to the situation arising.

3.8 Have access to a hard copy of an up to date, Emergency Contacts documents available in the Race Room

3.9 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.

