

# Hobsons Bay Yacht Club

## Man Overboard (MOB) Policy



### 1. Responsibility

HBYC Sailing Committee is responsible for the implementation of this policy and procedure.

### 2. Overview

The following is **mandatory** under each Notice of Race (NOR) and is highly recommended for each boat skipper and/or owner, racing or not.

- Annually complete and submit proof of an on-water MOB drill
- Annually submit an MOB Written Procedure

Reference should also be made to the Maritime Safety Victoria website for additional information.

<https://transportsafety.vic.gov.au/maritime-safety/recreational-vessel-operators>

### 3. Man Overboard Awareness Session

To assist with the Man Overboard compliance process, HBYC runs annual MOB awareness sessions allowing members to review various methods to retrieve a person overboard.

It is highly recommended that both skippers and crew attend to understand what methods are available and share real life experiences with other HBYC members.

### 4. Australian Sailing Compliance

The requirements below are in line with Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause

- 4.26 RETRIEVAL OF CREW FROM THE WATER

required under the yearly Australian Sailing Equipment Audit.

### 5. HBYC Man Overboard Compliance Process

A Annually complete and submit proof of an on-water MOB drill.

There are two ways of achieving this:

- Marina practice: Practice with 'Bob' or a human in a marina pen or tied to a pier. This allows you to test the mechanics of retrieving a person without the stress of managing the boat under sail and assess which halyards are long enough, which winch can be used etc.
- Under-sail practice: Practice with 'Bob' or any other object while under sail. This allows you to test the maneuvers to get back to a person overboard.

It is highly recommended that you alternate between marina practice and under-sail practice over time.

B Annually submit an MOB Written Procedure.

This ensures that procedures are reviewed and updated on a yearly basis, especially if you have added new safety equipment to your boat (new sling for example).

### 6. Submissions

MOB written procedures and proof of on-water drill must be completed and submitted once per calendar year by email to [info@hbyc.org.au](mailto:info@hbyc.org.au).

These must be submitted prior to your first race for the season.