

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.

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