



Skerries Sailing Club

GP14 IRISH AND MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016 SAFETY PLAN

27TH /28TH /29TH AUGUST 2016

Purpose of this plan is to document resources allocated, Roles and Responsibilities, Safe operating procedures and Emergency procedures for the above event. It will be reviewed on the mornings (at the Safety/Operational review) of the 27th, 28th and 29th as below. This plan pertains only to the event and dates above.

This Safety Plan owner is Ross Galbraith, SSC Hon Sailing Sec – mob # 086 383 3737.

General Safety rules:

1. Dinghy racing may not take place if forecasted weather is to exceed F6 during racing.
2. There must be at least 1 safety RIB per 10 dinghies. Dinghies must not launch until this criteria has been met. **4** RIBs are allocated to this event each day.
3. All RIBs must be manned by 2 persons, of whom at least one must have completed the ISA National Powerboat Certificate.
4. A Safety/Operational review must take place before sailing on each day chaired by the Hon Sailing Secretary and attended by the Principle Race Officer (PRO), the Event Safety Officer and all Safety RIB personnel.
5. The Principle Race Officer will be responsible for the management of safety on the water assisted by the Safety Officer.
6. Channel 72 will be used for race management. Channel 73 may be used for safety activities if determined by the Principle Racer officer.
7. Back up resources – an additional RIB/Punt and the SSC club committee boat (Inis Rua) will be available via the Race Office. The Club punt will also be available (channel 72). These resources may be requested by either the PRO or Safety Officer.
8. All Race management personnel must wear a safety jacket at all times.
9. No racing should be started from the SSC inner starting mark without the PRO giving due consideration to wind strength and direction and their possible impact on “time to recover” distressed boats by the safety RIBs allocated.
10. An escalation document listing relevant resources is attached to this document.

Assignments for this event:

- Liam Dinneen (mob # 0872438675) will be Principle Race Officer.
- Ronnie Horan (mob # 0872444649) will be Safety Officer.
- RIB drivers list is available from SSC Hon Sailing sec.
- Race Office will be manned by Grainne McGrotty and/or Kieran Branagan. When closed Kieran Branagan will be available at 0879849813 and/or channel 72.

Roles and Responsibilities:

The Hon Sailing Secretary.

1. Maintenance of this document, securing and scheduling of safety/mark laying resources including personnel and communication of same throughout the event to relevant parties,
2. Scheduling, communicating and chairing the Safety/Operational review meetings.

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3. Provision of latest weather forecasts at Safety/Operational review meeting.

The Principle Race Officer (PRO)

1. Management of safety on the water in all aspects including determining whether racing proceeds or not and directing via the Safety offices any Safety priorities.
2. Delegates logistical control of Safety RIBs to the Safety Officer but retains overall responsibility for safety
3. Communicating to the Race Office when additional resources are required.
4. Determine and direct the use of VHF channels.

The Safety Officer

1. Under direction of the PRO, the Safety Officer will control and direct the operation and prioritise the activities of all RIBs throughout and post racing.
2. The Safety Officer will direct RIBs to attend distressed boats and provide assistance as required.
3. The Safety Officer will (in conjunction with the Sailing Sec and PRO) allocate RIBs for mark laying duties and any ancillary duties as will be required.
4. Will escalate and secure via the PRO all additional resources – see attached escalation procedure/resources.
5. Will advise and give input to the PRO on all safety matters throughout racing.
6. Will, in agreement with the PRO, determine if and when safety RIBs may be used to secure competitors equipment and communicate same to individual RIBs.

RIB Personnel

1. 2 persons must man each RIB (see point 3 under general safety rules above). Best practice is that one person drives and the other person uses the radio.
2. Ensure that your RIB has 1) an anchor, 2) a paddle, 3) a bow rope and 4) a towing rope.
3. Check your radio is working **prior** to leaving your mooring.
4. When attending safety incidences – recognise that they are always “developing” situations and matters can change quickly.
5. Your **prime** responsibility is the safeguard and protection of “Life and Limb” while giving due cognisance’s to your ability and safety. In attending a situation where Life and Limb are at risk do all that is reasonable possible without endangering your selves.
6. If necessary call on any additional assistance via the Safety officer or nearest RIB immediately - do not delay.
7. If necessary escalate see attached document – do not delay.
8. In non serious situations (e.g. equipment damage, etc.) – assistance (such as towing, etc.) may only be supplied with the permission of the Safety Officer or PRO.
9. Do not leave the race area without permission (other than 5 above) of the Safety Officer or PRO.

Changes to this plan

Changes to this plan will be communicated to both the PRO and Safety Officer verbally as soon as possible and posted on the club notice board by the plan owner.

Attachment

Emergency Reception Facilities

Support on the water:

Dublin Coastguard	VHF Ch 16
Skerries RNLi	849 1126
Skerries Coastguard	999 or 112
Skerries Punt	VHF Ch72

Minor incidents excluding broken bones & head injuries:

DOCTOR	LOCATION	CONTACT	INFO
Dr Seamus Mulholland	7 Strand St	849 0678	

Minor incidents requiring X-rays etc.

CENTRE	LOCATION	CONTACT	INFO
VHI Swiftcare	Airside Retail Pk	1890 866 966	7 days 8am-10pm

Major Incidents.

Ambulance Service	Skerries/Swords	999	24hr
Beaumont Hospital	Beaumont Rd	809 3000	24hr

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Skerries	849 1211
Balbriggan	802 0510

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