

Race Officers Schedule for Risk Assessment and Decision to hold Racing

1 Weather Obtain up to date weather information, wind strength, direction for the course area. If necessary contact Coastguard at Pendennis tel 317575 for up to date information.

2 Severe Weather High winds, fog, decide whether to abandon racing or racing for certain classes eg; open boats, gaffers, Sunbeams. Make an early decision so as to ensure competitors do not leave moorings in adverse conditions

Display Flag Y to ensure life preservers /buoyancy aids are worn if in doubt for high risk or all boats

3 Tide, check times of high and low water Assess whether this affects course being set or in case of Spring tides ability of competitors to finish in light winds

4 Commercial Shipping Telephone Pilots 01326 211376 or 211395 or 07836661668 to check if any shipping movements which will affect the courses set.

It may be necessary for race starts to be abandoned or postponed in harbour or Penryn River if clearway has to be cleared. See Sailing Instructions and Rules, use of AP flag and sounding 3 sound signals.

5 Harbour Masters Notices Check main club notice board to see if they affect the courses being set.

6 Courses Check to ensure these are commensurate with tide, weather, commercial shipping information. Be aware of lee shores in times of high winds also shallow water areas. Check to see that mark roundings can take place without undue congestion of numbers or size of boat.

7 Start Line Reduce risk of collision by setting a sufficiently long start line using formula 1.5 times or boat length x boats in class.

Quay start line with a windward start in high winds could be a problem for a large class, possible solution is to start them from B class Working Boat start line down the harbour.

8 Committee Boat In severe weather it may not be possible for racing to be started safely from this due to difficulty with anchoring, rolling decks, danger to crew fulfilling duties.

9 Keeping records of starters and verifying all boats unaccounted Ensure that as each class starts numbers of starters are the same as on the race sheet.

As boats finish account for them as a finisher or as having retired. **Do not leave the club until all starters have been accounted for.**

10 Communications Ensure VHF at club and on committee boat are on watch of all channels in use plus 16, other launches or safety boats should be aware of channels in use and monitor M1(37) or 72 ensure charging equipment is fully charged. Committee Boat starts maintain close contact with Club Race Office when on station. Give them the race entrants to help with race finishing and courses sailed. Use club telephone to talk at length 01326 374043. Keep them informed of race progress, decision to shorten, boats retiring etc.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY SEE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Please see further information with regard to Risk Assessment by reading FSC General Risk Assessment and PoFSA Week Assessment which relates to FSC for Falmouth Week.

