



False Bay Yacht Club

Keelboat Racing Weather Policy (2016/2017)

To establish clear guidelines regarding the suitability of weather conditions for keelboat racing, the following is the policy of the 2016/2017 Sailing Committee:

1. THE DECISION TO ENTER A RACE AND TO PROCEED TO SEA FOR THE PURPOSES OF PARTICIPATING IN A CLUB RACE RESTS SOLELY WITH THE SKIPPER OF THE YACHT.
2. For every club event there will be a Race Officer responsible for applying the weather policy. This person will normally be the Sailing Manager or a member of the sailing committee. Failing this, the responsibility rests with the Rear Commodore Sailing.
3. Every attempt will be made to start every scheduled race or event as long as it is prudent, in the opinion of the duty Race Officer, to do so.
4. The responsible Race Officer shall use all tools at his disposal, including but not limited to, information available on the internet, information from the Navy ("Bullnose") or vessels on the Marina, to decide, one hour before the scheduled start of a race, what the average wind speed and maximum gusts are.
5. The Committee Member shall decide to abandon or postpone racing due to excessive wind speed and/or sea state using a guideline of maximum gusts of 30 knots or more, and indicative average wind speed of 25 knots, as upper limits. The Race Officer will have the support of the Rear Commodore Sailing if he/she should decide to abandon or postpone racing.
6. Abandonment or postponement of racing will be indicated by verbal announcement, sound signals from Dolphyn Bridge and/or notices posted on the Sailing Notice Board.

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