

BATEMANS BAY SAILING CLUB INC

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN FOR OFF-THE-BEACH SAILING AT COILA LAKE

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Context

During spring and summer 2021/2022, Batemans Bay Sailing Club (BBSC) will run a series of off-the-beach racing for catamarans and dinghies at Coila Lake, near Tuross Head, NSW.

Boats participating in these races are catamarans and monohull vessels, and each boat is crewed by one, two or (rarely) three people. They are launched from the foreshore area east of the Kyla Park Recreation Hall. The racing is normally assisted by two powered vessels: the Support Boat and the Start Boat, each crewed by one or two people.

All activities take place in the open air. Major activities are:

- preparing the boats on the foreshore, and launching them;
- briefings on the foreshore prior to each race;
- racing on the lake;
- retrieving the boats and preparing them for homeward travel;
- announcement of the results of the day's racing.

The number of competitors varies from year to year and race to race. It has been rare for the number of competing boats to exceed 10 or the total number of attendees to exceed 20.

Aim of this Plan

The primary concern of BBSC is to look after the health of its members, volunteers, guest sailors and the broader community. This Plan aims to lay down key actions to maximise health and safety, and to comply with current NSW Government guidelines, while providing this sailing opportunity for the community.

Racing

In order to compete in this series, skippers will be required to undertake that they will comply with this Plan, or future versions of this Plan as it may evolve during the season, in line with changes to NSW Government guidelines.

Physical Distancing

To encourage physical distancing:

- pre-race briefings will be held in the open air with people maintaining physical distancing or wearing masks;
- announcement of results will be held in the open air with people maintaining physical distancing or wearing masks;
- participants should bring their own chairs rather than sit together on the park benches;
- where boats are crewed by two or more people who are not from the same household, these people should minimise close contact or wear masks if this is not practical;
- participants in shared activities such as launching and retrieving of the support boats should similarly minimise close contact or wear masks.

Travel and transmission

It is expected that most participants will be residents of the Eurobodalla LGA. Participants are asked to not attend if:

- you are feeling unwell including cough and mild flu-like symptoms;
- in the last 14 days you have been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or is unwell, including cough and mild flu-like symptoms;
- you have returned from overseas travel within the last 14 days;
- you have been outside the Eurobodalla LGA and visited any of the “hotspots” listed on the NSW or ACT Government websites;
- for any other reason, you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

Contact Tracing and Vaccination

BBSC is required to request all attendees over the age of 16 years to:

- show evidence that they are fully vaccinated or hold a medical exemption from vaccination;
- sign in using the NSW Government QR Code.

Attendees include participants, officials, volunteers and supporters who are mingling in the gathering.

Hygiene

- Participants are asked to bring their own food and drink for sustenance between races.
- BBSC will resume the practice of running a barbeque during the announcement of results, Participants should maintain physical distancing or wear masks.
- Hand sanitiser will be provided by BBSC at the sign-on and BBQ areas.
- Shared equipment such as the sign-on table and pens will be sanitised with disinfectant prior to each day's activities.

If you fall ill after attending

- If you fall ill, or are diagnosed with COVID-19 after participating in a sailing day at Coila Lake, please inform Allan Rees (0417 400 892) or Terry Paton (0432 348 140).