

# FISHING CONTEST SAFETY BRIEFING NOTES

All skippers are reminded that at all times when they are at sea .....

- They are the person responsible for the safe operation of their boat and the decisions on whether that boat can be safely operated in the conditions.
- They are required to ensure they have up to date weather and sea conditions information.
- They are required to ensure their boat is in a seaworthy condition before leaving the beach.
- They are required to ensure that all the required safety equipment is on board at the time of launching each day.
- If they survive any mishap they will be the person required to account for their actions under Maritime and Criminal Law.

## SCRUTINEERING

ALL BOATS MUST BE SCRUTINEERED PRIOR TO LAUNCHING ON THE FIRST DAY, THEY WILL BE CHECKED FOR **LIFE JACKETS, UP TO DATE FLARES, WORKING VHF RADIO, REAR GUIDE POLES ON TRAILER, ROPE TIED TO BOAT TO LOOP OVER GUIDE POLES** etc.....

Please have the gear out ready to be checked to save us time.

Make sure the scrutineering form is filled in correctly and signed as this is also confirmation that you have received a copy of the rules and these safety notes.

Please remember under The Maritime Transport Act and the Wellington Regional Council bylaws, you must have sufficient life jackets of the correct size on board the boat for each person.

**Life jackets must be worn at all times that it could be deemed dangerous** – that includes during launching and retrieving the boat to the trailer.

**RADIO BASE CALL SIGN:** 'Sports Radio'  
**YOUR CALL SIGN:** Your Boats Name

## RADIO CHANNEL

Channel **06** and **07** and the base will also monitor channel **04**

**All competitors are reminded that the use of channel is provided by the Cape Palliser Marine Radio Association, the use of the channel after the competition is restricted to Financial members of that organisation only.**

## CALLUPS

All boats **must** call up the radio base as they **leave and return** to the beach. You are required to give the boat name, number of people on board and a general direction of travel. If you do not call up then there is no way of knowing you are at sea and in the competition.

**During the day there will be two full call ups of all boats by the radio base – one at mid-morning and one mid-afternoon.**

Please ensure your radio is on and that you answer when called.

Call ups will be done in alphabetical order.

Any boat not answering a call up will be called again at the end of the sked. A general call will then be put out for information on that boat.

Any boat not having checked in at the end of the days fishing will be called again and a general call made for information.

If nothing is heard, the Police will be informed and **A SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION WILL THEN BE COMMENCED TO LOCATE THAT BOAT.**

## **WEATHER FORECASTS**

Updated weather and safety information will be delivered by radio as it comes available during the day.

## **MAYDAY CALLS**

**Any vessel in a distress situation should put out a proper MAYDAY call, this call should be made where there is Danger to Life such as a vessel taking on water and possibly sinking.**

**The base operators will take control of radio traffic for emergency calls.**

## **BREAKDOWNS**

Any boat suffering any form of breakdown, low fuel etc that does not immediately endanger safety of those on board, shall advise the base immediately by way of a general call so that assistance can be arranged or progress back to shore monitored.

## **MEDIAL EMERGENCIES**

Any medical emergencies or injuries that will require medical advice or assistance are to be called in to the base as soon as possible.

## **EPIRB activation**

Anyone who accidentally sets off a boats emergency beacon must advise the base immediately. Any person who sets off a beacon because of any emergency and is unable to contact the base by radio should leave that beacon going until they have been able to make contact with the base or other radio station.

## **FLARE USE**

The use of flares is for emergencies only, should you have to set one off you must advise the base by radio if possible, if that is not possible have the first boat that comes to your assistance advise the base of the situation.

## **CHIT CHAT**

The main radio channels are not for general chit chat, if you want to pass the time of day with someone then switch to channel 8

**Remember to switch back to the main operating channel when you have finished talking**

## **ALCOHOL**

The organisers remind all contestants that the over consumption of alcohol while at sea could lead to a dangerous situation and recommend that you save the drinking until safety back on shore.

## **EVACUATION FROM MARQUEE**

If evacuation from the Marquee is required, a warning will be issued over the loud speaker system. If that fails, then the airhorn will sound and you must vacate the marquee immediately.

There are 4 exits – each with an illuminated exit sign.

The assembly point is on the vacant section/carpark beside the community hall.