**Safety and Compliance Requirements**

**To all Owners and Skippers**

The BPYC Committee wishes to draw owners’ and skippers’ attention to the following:

1. **Acknowledgement of Risks**
In signing the BPYC Application for Membership or Application for Renewal of Membership, you have acknowledged that there are particular risks in participation in Club events, including but not limited to injury or death due to collision, gear breakage or water immersion.
2. **Category 7 Safety Certificate**
You have also acknowledged the requirement to provide a current Category 7 Safety Certificate for your competing yacht. To satisfy this requirement, the [AS Category 7 Equipment Audit Form](https://www.bpyc.com.au/s/AS-Cat-7-Audit-Form-2021-24.pdf) (available via this link) must be completed and returned to the Secretary, BPYC, **by date TBC** due to COVID**.**

The BPYC website also has the [AS Category 4 Equipment Audit Form](https://www.bpyc.com.au/s/AS-Cat-4-Audit-Form-2021-24.pdf) available via this link

Note: Tables 1, 2 and 3 referred to in Special Regulation 4.05.1 are available in Regulation 4.05 Anchors of the **click here for** [AS Special Regulations](http://www.bpyc.com.au/s/AS-Special-Regulations.pdf) 2021-2024

* 1. the “Declaration by Person in Charge” must be signed once the requirements contained in the Audit Form and the Addendum have been completed;
	2. all relevant equipment requirements in the bottom section of the Form and the Addendum must be ticked or initialled under “P” after all requirements in that section have been met;
	3. yachts will not be initially, independently audited but BPYC reserves the right to do so at any time (refer [BPYC Sailing Instructions](http://www.bpyc.com.au/race-instructions/)).
1. **Other Safety Equipment Requirements**In addition to Category 7 Requirements, there is other safety equipment required by NSW Roads & Maritime (<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/safety-equipment/safety-equipment-table.html>) and by Blues Point Yacht Club. These requirements are an Addendum to the abovementioned Australian Sailing Form and must similarly be satisfied as part of the audit and declaration on that Form.

The “[BPYC Safety Addendum Form](https://www.bpyc.com.au/s/BPYC-Addendum-Other-Safety-Equipment-Requirements-20210620.docx)” is available via this link

1. **Obligations re RMS Approval for BPYC Events**
	1. **Insurance**

Participation in any BPYC event with respect to any injury or loss is **not** covered by a policy of insurance taken out directly by BPYC. Members of BPYC have some coverage for personal injury, etc via BPYC’s affiliation with Australian Sailing (see <https://networksteadfast.com.au/industries-and-associations/sailing/individuals-and-member-insurance/>).

Also see insurance information in the [BPYC Sailing Instructions](http://www.bpyc.com.au/race-instructions/).

* 1. **Prohibited Areas**
	BPYC’s Approval from Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to conduct racing has particular requirements for participants:
		1. participants must maintain a minimum distance of 185.2m (1 cable) from all islands, headlands and charted hazards when operating in open waters;
		2. participants must not navigate between moorings during the activity except when transiting to and from the location of the event;
		3. participants must maintain a minimum distance of 500m from the bow and 30m from the side or stern of any Seagoing Ship underway;
		4. participants must not pass between the bow of any Seagoing Ship and a dedicated Port Authority of NSW escort vessel;
		5. participants must maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides or stern of any Ferry underway;
		6. participants navigating in the vicinity of the safe water mark, 350m SE of Bradleys Head, must pass to the north of the buoy when proceeding westward, and pass to the south of the buoy when proceeding eastward, **or if that is not practicable participants must maintain a safe distance from other vessels.**
		Note: the BPYC Sailing Instruction 15.1 (4) states that yachts must round Bradleys Head to port.

Note
In the above:
”Ferry” means a ferry as defined under the *Passenger Transport Act 2014* operating in accordance with an approved timetable as published on [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info)

“Seagoing Ship” means a vessel of more than 45.72m in length that is used or intended to be used to carry cargo or passengers for hire or reward and that normally operates on voyages between ports.

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