

BRIXHAM YACHT CLUB

MISSING PERSONS SEARCH PLAN FOR HERITAGE EVENTS in BRIXHAM HARBOUR & TORBAY

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RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

As soon as it is believed a sailor and or sailors or a member of the Organising Authority (OA) may be missing or in significant difficulty.

Actions:

- 1) **Appoint key personnel to undertake the following actions, usually the Event Officer (RO) or Event Safety Officer (ESO)**
- 2) If it is obvious that a boat and / or its crew are in difficulty repeatedly call any boats expected to be in the vicinity of the boat that the crew is suspected missing from on VHF ch16 and VHF ch37m; and ask them for information or to go to assist.
- 3) If it is obvious that a boat and / or its crew are in difficulty and there is doubt whether assistance from another boat will be satisfactory, or concern that the situation is very serious call the coastguard immediately on VHF ch16 or on 01803 882704.
- 4) If there is reason for concern but no obvious evidence of a boat or crew in difficulty repeatedly call the boat that the crew is suspected missing from on VHF ch16 and VHF ch37m.
- 5) If there is reason for concern but no obvious evidence of a boat or crew in difficulty repeatedly call any boats expected to be in the vicinity of the boat that the crew is suspected missing from on VHF ch16 VHF ch8 and VHF ch37m; and ask them for information or to go to assist.
- 6) Contact the Bosun on VHF ch37m or call the club house on 01803 853332 and ask if he or the staff have heard from the crew or boat suspected to be missing or in difficulty.
- 7) Search the changing rooms, compound and steps area and clubhouse for suspected missing crew, or clothing including water proofs or life jacket that may suggest the missing crew is in-fact ashore.
- 8) Repeatedly call missing persons phone number if known.
- 9) Accumulate all information from entry list and the number of crew on the boat at the time from the Regatta recording sheets that refers to the boat or crew suspected of being missing or in difficulty.
- 10) Broadcast name on public address in clubhouse.
- 11) Request any useful information from other competitors that may assist the search.
- 12) Look for car registration number in car parks.

If there is reason for concern when the above checks are complete or after 20mins whichever is the sooner take the following action:-

Actions:

- 13) Request Coastguard assistance if not already directly involved.
- 14) Coastguard expected to assume control at this point.

In the event of a coastal event and a boat fails to phone the messaging service with either a finish time or a retirement

- a) Repeatedly call the boat that the crew is suspected missing from on VHF ch16,VHF ch8 and VHF ch37m.
- b) Request any useful information from other competitors that may assist the search.
- c) Contact the port harbour control and local marinas to see if the boat has safely arrived.
- d) Phone the entrants phone number, obtained by the entry form.
- e) Contact the Bosun on VHF ch37m or call the club house on 01803 853332 and ask if he or the staff have heard from the crew or boat suspected to be missing or in difficulty.

If there is reason for concern when the above checks are complete take the following action:-

- f) Request Coastguard assistance if not already directly involved.
- g) Coastguard expected to assume control at this point.