

**Event Risk Assessment  
Risks Associated with Event**

<b>Event Name</b>	BYC Heritage Regatta				<b>Prepared by</b>			Gareth Fudge & Sean Semmens & Chris Co
<b>Event Dates</b>	30th May 2021				<b>Date</b>			44322

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Danger before counter measures</b>	<b>Persons at Risk</b>	<b>Impact of Risk before counter measures</b>	<b>Likelihood of occurrence before counter measures</b>	<b>Primary Countermeasures</b>	<b>Impact after counter measures</b>	<b>Likelihood after counter measures</b>	<b>Risk Level after counter measures</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Unsuitable weather conditions causing all round increased risk.	The yacht and its crew may encounter difficulty	Competitors	Medium	Medium	Regatta officer to have a current weather forecast and assess the suitability to go afloat. It is the sole responsibility of the skipper and crew to decide whether to launch, race or to continue to race.	Medium	Low	Low	If the regatta officer decides that the conditions are unsuitable to sail or launch he/she will abandon the sailing.
Deterioration of weather conditions causing all round increased risk.	The yacht and its crew may encounter difficulty	Competitors	Medium	Medium	Regatta to be shortened, abandoned or postponed by the Regatta Officer. The last resort is to call the lifeboat.	Medium	Low	Low	Sailboats with outboard engines have difficulty manoeuvring in strong winds and big seas and many are prone to broaching and capsize in high winds, especially if flying spinnakers. Sailing can be postponed, abandoned or shortened to suit the conditions.
Loss of visibility.	Increased risk of collision and grounding. Risk of competitors becoming lost and unable to find their way to a safe landing.	Competitors	Low	Low	Regatta to be shortened. abandoned or postponed by the Regatta Officer. Navigation is the sole responsibility of the skipper.	Medium	Low	Low	
Deterioration of sea conditions.	The yacht and its crew may encounter difficulty	Competitors and safety and race management personnel if afloat.	High	Medium	Regatta to be shortened, abandoned or postponed by the Regatta Officer.	High	Low	Medium	

Competitor or Regatta organising personnel unaccounted for	Missing boat and people	Competitors	Medium	Low	All yachts must report into the regatta officer prior to the start of the sailing the number of crew on each yacht. On coastal sailing each yacht must report to the mobile message service when she has finished or retired from a race. In the event of a missing yacht the coastguard will be informed. In the event of a missing crew is reported on an inshore race the missing persons plan will be implemented.	Medium	Low	Low	
Loss of communications	Loss of control of the race management while competitors are out of sight of Battery Point or the committee boat	Competitors may not hear abandonment instructions.	Medium	Low	The decision to sail and continue to saile is the sole decision of the skipper and crew. All boats are required to be self sufficient.	Medium	Low	Low	

**Policies, Procedures and Emergency Contingencies**

Major incident whether or not covered in the risk assessment including a fatality or serious injury including multiple casualties.	Fatality or serious event involving a call to external services	Entrants and safety and regatta management personnel.	High	Low	Crisis/contingency plan is established by the organising authority and all parties briefed.	High	Low	Medium	
Risks associated with young people and vulnerable adults competing	There are a series of risks associated with these groups including increased risks to safety due to inexperience and also child protection issues.		Low	Low	Prepare a suitable plan in accordance with established RYA guidelines	Low	Low	Low	The RYA website has specific help in this area.
Risks associated with a failure to communicate or receive important information.	Failure to receive information		Low	Low	Valid and up to date information must be posted on the Notice Board and/or in the regtta instructions and entry forms.	Low	Low	Low	