

SAFETY FIRST

As part of a national incentive by Sailing Australia RQYS will be adopting "Whole of Fleet" Safety Audits appropriate to your race category starting from the beginning of our new season.

So why extend equipment audits to all of our fleet?

The simple answer is compliance and good safety practice within the club. We have a "Duty of Care" to those participating in RQYS events and this extends beyond RQYS responsibility to boat owners and skippers.

Nationally self audits have not in the majority of cases been completed to a satisfactory standard and it is our intention to engender into our sailors a culture of safety which benefits us all.

Chris Morgan a division yacht owner and Queensland's Senior Sailing Australia Equipment Safety Auditor has agreed to undertake the management of this program along with our sailing office.

- All yacht owners and off the beach boats will be required to complete the appropriate Sailing Australia category form applicable to the club racing they intend to enter.
[Off the Beach Checklist](#) (most recent version at July 2019)
[AS SR Safety Equipment Checklists](#)
- Owners will then be required to contact an RQYS approved auditors to arrange an inspection and sign off.
- For off the beach craft and school boats the form is very simple and we will arrange training for "Safety Officers" to undertake this task on race days.
- For keelboats and other division yachts including Etchells and WAGS fleets an audited form will be required within one (1) month of Opening Day (31 August 2019).

It is not our intention to be "Heavy Handed" and disqualify boats that do not have an audited form on race day, but we want all participants to build a culture of safety in the club from the juniors up.

Starting in September 2019, Chris and his audit team will be running an information night after WAGS and providing articles in **"In The Wind"** to help you prepare for an audit.

Below is a list of our current RQYS auditors and we will be running an additional course in September to approve further auditors. If you are interested in becoming

an auditor please contact Chris, it would be great to get some Multihull and Etchells owners involved.

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WHO IS RACING ON YOUR BOAT?

- Who do we contact should we need to contact a crew members shore based contact in the event of an incident or injury?
- Currently in the keelboat division fleet we ask for the numbers of people on board but this is of little use to the sailing office when they are trying to contact a parent, spouse or partner in the event of an incident or injury on the water.
- Again this process is “Compliance with good safety process”.
- We ask that you use modern technology to communicate the names of the crew and their shore contact to the sailing office. This could be by way of a photo of a crew list sent to the sailing office, a text or email, on sailing@rqys.com.au, to 0401523869 (Bec) or 0418767019 (Brady).