

## **Tropical Cyclone Alfred Notice 3**



Wednesday, 5 March 2025

Dear Members,

Winds have been pretty strong since early this morning (Wednesday), and will continue to increase this afternoon and through the night.

MSQ (<u>Maritime Safety Qld</u>), has advised all ports are closed in the vicinity of Brisbane until further notice, and no vessels should venture out or attempt to enter a port or harbour.

<u>Windy.com</u> has a great feature where you can slide a scale along the bottom to see how close the cyclone is getting at various times and days.

At this stage, it's indicating that tonight there won't be much change from conditions we have now. In the early hours of Thursday we are expecting winds to increase, gusting between 30-40knts and will maintain that throughout the day and into Thursday evening when the cyclone makes landfall.

Friday will continue much the same with the addition of a potential tidal surge, and we won't know what impact this will have until reports are made closer to the day.

As mentioned in earlier notices, we will have a few **staff on site** (or at the very least close by) to respond quickly in the event of any emergency, and ask that you reach out to Glen, David, Mark or me if you need assistance.

Most other staff have been told to stay home for next few days, and hopefully the worst will be over by Saturday and we can start returning things to normal.

The Bar & Bistro are closed from now until Saturday – but again this may be subject to what

happens during the worst of the cyclone. If we get absolutely hammered with rain, it may take a bit longer to dry everything out.

A reminder to the **liveaboards** – you have options if remaining on board your vessel becomes too high a risk. We have plenty of relatively comfortable floor space in the Club House if you need it, and a "kitchenette" stocked with supplies to keep you going through a night or two.

And please call Karen (0411 557 280) if you are interested in a room at the **motel**, as a special rate has been arranged.

To all our members – please stay safe. This is one of those very rare weather events for Brisbane and sort of like, how often do we ever see snow here? Maybe once every 50 years??? The last cyclone was in 1974 – 51 years ago!

## A message from our Board of Directors:

As we brace for Cyclone Alfred's arrival, our priority is everyone's safety. Please look after yourselves and your families. Karen and the team are doing a great job with communications and they will keep you updated as the situation develops. The Board are grateful for the hard work of our staff and volunteers in preparing the Squadron, and we hope these efforts help minimise any damage from the storm, both at Manly and Canaipa.

Our strength as a community will underpin whatever comes our way in the next 48 hours or so. Please keep a watch on each other and lend a hand to a fellow yachtie where needed!

Melissa Hardy

Chairman

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE LIST**

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We will continue to update you with notices on a daily basis until this weather event has passed, so please continue to monitor your email.