



Tropical Cyclone Alfred Notice 5



Friday, 7 March 2025

Hi Members – Cyclone Alfred is closing in (again), and some clever forecaster has shared the tracking recorded so far:



I guess it is important to maintain a sense of humour in most things and we did think this was “amusing”.

However, the threat of "Alfred's" arrival is still heading our way, with real predictions and expected wind gusts up to 41knts overnight and continuing through most of Saturday. Intermittent rain squalls throughout Saturday and lightning Saturday night.

This morning, Marina Manager Glen and myself did a walk around the marina, chatted to a few of our liveaboards and noticed the great job that everyone has done in securing the vessel.

As an extra precaution tonight, an excellent suggestion has been made and we therefore ask, that if you are staying on your boat – liveaboard or not, please put your anchor light on. It is helpful if we need to do any emergency checks, that we are not looking for berth numbers, but the much easier option of going to the boats with an anchor light on.

Please also remember that whilst we might be reasonably protected in the Harbour, MSQ have instructed that no vessels move even within the harbour or our marina until the Cyclone event is over.

A few other suggestions from helpful members:

Last chance to document preparations: Always prudent to have a record of your boat's and lines' preparedness in case needed for insurance purposes, but what about recording a short video on your phone with voiceover commentary on your precautions as you walk around the berth or the decks? One Member, after Debbie (2017) found they had a memory card full of images of assorted cleats, knots, fenders and lines which would have taken an age to recompile as a coherent document noting the steps taken.

Potential (pre-emptive) shore power disconnection: Have a snap-lock plastic bag ready to immediately insert the unscrewed plug. Snap closed around the cord and tie off with rubber band or tape, before snaking shore-end cord back onto boat. Protects against accidental submergence and possible issues when reconnecting to the pontoon pedestal power after the blow. Take advantage of the remaining calm spells between bands of squalls to size bag and practice fitting and tying off.

Prepping a "go-bag": If you haven't already packed, start making notes and/or laying out items you believe essential if you have to 'grab-and-run' ashore - there will always be items which don't come initially to mind, so start early and make use of the 'thinking time' while it's still quiet. Medications, prescriptions, car keys, swipe card and essential documents, obviously - but have you the correct charger cables and plug adapters for your electronic devices? Got a multi-plug, surge-protected power board? Powerpoints ashore will be in short supply once power is restored.

HINT: your yellow safety gear bag, with its multiple velcro straps is a good one to re-purpose, but ensure all included items are individually snap-lock plastic-bagged. Any water-resistant bag or satchel with at least one over-the-shoulder strap will help keep hands free for other needs.

At this stage, we have moved re-opening of the Bar & Bistro until Sunday morning – assuming that the worst will be over by then, and we can start re-setting everything in the Bistro area. Will keep you posted, but that is the plan at this stage. It may not be a full normal menu of food available but at least, members will have somewhere to go.

Continue to stay safe, and don't put yourself or anyone else at risk. There's a lot that can go wrong if we are not careful.

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