

MYLOR YACHT CLUB LTD

CRUISING POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The House Committee of Mylor Yacht Club Ltd has delegated to the *Cruising Secretary* the responsibility for organising and running Rallies for MYC. The *Cruising Secretary* may delegate the responsibility to a suitable individual. The MYC Ltd Cruising Policy has been devised to enable MYC Rallies to be undertaken as safely as possible. This policy has been reviewed and adopted by the *House Committee* which requires that the policy be operated and complied with whenever Club Rallies, Picnics and Pop-up Events are organised.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Club Rallies are planned to enable members to enjoy the company of other club members taking part in the event. Those wishing to participate in Club Rallies must complete the *Registration Form* to be found on the MYC website. The information given by you on this form will be used to process your registration in accordance with the Club's Data Protection Policy, and for attending to you whilst on the Rally.

DEFINITION OF A RALLY

A "Rally" is a meeting of members and their vessels at a time and place specified by the *Rally Coordinator*. The passages to and from the event are entirely at each skipper's discretion. There will be no input from the Club or its representatives about or during the passage.

REGISTRATION FORMS

It is a requirement for an owner/skipper to have completed the *Registration Form* to be found on the MYC website before taking part in any MYC Rally, Picnic or Pop-up event. This is necessary to ensure the safety of you and your crew and the safe running of the event.

MYC COMMUNICATION OF EVENTS

Prior to each Rally, a Cruising Newsletter will be circulated to all members who have registered their interest in receiving Cruising Newsletters.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OWNER/SKIPPER

The following decisions and preparations are the sole responsibility of each owner/skipper.

1. On receipt of the Cruising Newsletter promoting that event to notify the *Rally Coordinator* by email of their intent to take part. This notification shall include any changes to the data on their *Registration Form* and shall also notify the number of persons on board for that Rally.
2. The decision whether to take part or not, taking into account the type of their vessel, their own experience as a skipper and that of their crew.
3. Obtaining and interpreting the appropriate weather forecasts covering each leg of the planned Rally.
4. Determining the safety and suitability of the passage and destination for their vessel.
5. Notifying the *Rally Coordinator* immediately, by VHF or mobile phone, in the event they decide to abort any part of the Rally or go to another location, so as to avoid any unnecessary security alarm.

The Cruising Committee also recommends that each Skipper

1. Completes personal, boat and emergency contact details on the RYA SafeTrx app or via the website at <https://safetrx.rya.or.uk>.
2. Has a free “Sea Check” carried out by the RNLI.
3. Completes a passage plan as required under SOLAS V.
4. Has obtained an International Certificate of Competence (ICC) or comparable RYA qualification.
5. Attends the pre-rally briefing if offered.
6. Ensures lifejackets are worn when on deck and particularly in tenders or dinghies.

Alcohol

Members are reminded about the dangers the consumption of alcohol can cause whilst taking part in sailing, which particularly extends to the use of tenders.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RALLY COORDINATOR

The *Cruising Secretary* shall appoint a *Rally Coordinator* for each *Rally*, unless they are undertaking those duties themselves.

A Cruising Newsletter will be emailed *by "Mailchimp"* at least two weeks before an event to each skipper who has registered an interest in receiving Cruising Newsletters.

The *Rally Coordinator* will record a list of those who express an interest in taking part and notify the skippers on the list *by email* with details/updates/changes relating to the event. The *Rally Coordinator* will include the *Cruising Committee* and *Cruising Secretary* in this list for information purposes even if they are not taking part.

The event may also be posted on the MYC Facebook Events Page at the discretion of the *Rally Coordinator*. The post is to contain the wording "*for details please refer to the Cruising Newsletter relating to the event*".

The Rally Coordinator shall;

Keep a list of all notified participants to include skipper's name, boat name & model, VHFcall sign, MMSI number and contact details given on their *Registration Forms*.

If appropriate, hold a briefing meeting at the Club House but also communicate *by email* to all members who have notified their intention to take part in the Rally setting out the following:

1. The intended destination.
2. The VHF channel to be used for inter-ship communications.
3. The *Rally Coordinator's* name, boat name, VHF Call Sign, MMSI and mobile phone number.
4. Provide the list of participating yachts to all those taking part in the Rally, which will include boat names, skipper's names, VHF call sign, MMSI and mobile phone numbers, to facilitate personal contact.

ACCIDENT BOOK

An Accident Book is kept in the Clubhouse in its designated place. All accidents should be recorded promptly after their occurrence. The responsibility to make this entry is that of the *Rally Coordinator* to whom all accidents should be reported.