

## **BUNDABERG SAILING CLUB INC**

## DEPLOYMENT OF SAFETY/RESCUE BOAT POLICY

6 September, 2021 (Amending policy 1 October, 2013 referred to in By-law 5)

The life of this Document is three years unless amended/withdrawn by the Management Committee, Bundaberg Sailing Club, Inc.

The Vice-Commodore is the responsible Flag Officer for the deployment of the Club Safety/Rescue Boat/s.

The Primary aim of the Safety/Rescue Boat/s is to ensure the safety of individual Sailors and/or Crew members if circumstances have placed them at risk of injury.

The Secondary aim of the Safety/Rescue Boat/s is to provide assistance for the vessel to be righted or the securing of the vessel, but only at the request of the skipper of the vessel.

The Safety/Rescue Boat/s is available to Yachts and Trailer Sailors if not tendering to the safety of other persons or smaller vessels. In the event of Yachts or Trailer Sailors requiring assistance outside the capacity of the Safety/Rescue Boat/s, their first point of contact is to be VMR Bundaberg to seek assistance.

The Safety/Rescue Boat/s is not to be removed from the water before the last vessel has passed the finish line or at the direction of the Vice Commodore or other Flag Officer of the Club.

When Junior Sailors are participating in any race or when off the beach fleets are set a course which includes section/s of the race outside the Burnett River mouth, two Safety/Rescue Boats are to be used. If this is not possible the race course is to be amended and racing confined to the Burnett River at the discretion of the OOD.

The Rear Commodore is responsible for ensuring that the Safety/Rescue Boat/s is/are in operational condition prior to when commencing deployment on race days.

Rescue boat crews are required to inform the Vice Commodore AND the Rear Commodore of any problems, however minor, encountered during the operation of the Safety/Rescue boat/s.