



Portarlington Sailing Club Inc.

Organised Cruising Events

It is understood and appreciated that Club members with trailable yachts will use their boats outside formal race days either individually or in groups in cruising activity on Port Phillip Bay.

Club members who cruise in company are potentially eligible for insurance cover under the Club and Australian Sailing insurance policies, provided that the cruising activity is a nominated Club event and these guidelines are adhered to. Please be aware that multiple boats from PSC enjoying a cruise together may be interpreted as a Club event and PSC will bear some liability for any incident during the cruise.

The Club will aim to conduct cruise events on a regular basis except the months of January, June, July and August. The timing and frequency of events will be determined in the week prior to the event to allow for predicated weather and any other conditions to be taken into account.

A Cruise Coordinator shall be appointed each year to coordinate Cruising Events. The cruise coordinator will advise Club members of each cruising event by email or, text message. The Club website manager will also be informed of events to ensure the event is posted on the Club website.

(Please see next page for Guidelines)

The following guidelines shall be followed when multiple PSC boats cruise together. Additional Safety Guidelines can be found in the Portarlington Sailing Club Safety Management Handbook

1. Skippers are respectfully reminded of Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1: Fundamental Rules, Clause 1.02, Responsibility of the Person In Charge; “The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge... “
2. The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a Cruising Event hers alone (RRS Fundamental Rule 4)
3. Participating boats shall comply with the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Category 5, or Category 5N (if sailing at night)
4. Portarlington Sailing Club Cruises shall only be conducted in protected waters (e.g. Port Phillip, Western Port, Gippsland Lakes)
5. The Cruising coordinator shall communicate a detailed cruising plan to all participating skippers at least 3 days prior to the Cruising event.
6. The Cruise coordinator shall check the Bureau of Meteorology “MetEye” website on the day prior to the cruise event (<http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/meteye>)
 - a. The cruise shall be conducted only in areas and during times where the forecast average windspeed does not exceed 20 knots
 - b. The Cruise coordinator may alter the detailed cruising plan accordingly
7. If the detailed sailing plan includes night sailing, or indicates an arrival time within 2 hours of sunset, all participating boats shall comply with the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Category 5N
8. Participating boats shall abide to the Victorian Marine Safety Legislation
9. Participating boats shall hold a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.
10. The Cruising Event shall consist of a minimum of 2 participating boats
11. Participating boats shall have a minimum of 2 persons per boat
12. VHF channel 16 or nominated cruise frequency shall be monitored from first departure until the last boat is secure at the destination
13. Participating boats shall remain in loose company; faster boats shall remain within VHF coverage and in sight of slower boats.
14. Participating skippers shall sign in and out for each cruise (including crew names) using one of the following methods.
 - a. the Club’s Attendance Book, or
 - b. by text to the Club Captain mobile phone
15. All skippers must carry copies of boat insurance and registration paperwork for berthing at remote locations
16. All boats shall be fully self-sufficient with regards to food, water, bedding, clothing, and safety equipment