



Sail HYSTS – Sailing Guidelines

To maintain safety of our participants and volunteers and to protect the commercial viability of our charity the following guidelines apply:

Participant Numbers

Sessions must have 4 or more sailing participants (other than AIs) booked by 23:59 on Tuesday prior to the scheduled session.

Weather

Average wind speeds forecasted*	Who can sail
up to and including F3 (8 – 12 knots including gusts)	Novices and experienced participants (all stages)
up to and including F4 (13- 18 including gusts)	Experienced participants with Stage 2 and above may sail
up to and including F4 (13 – 18 but gusts to gusts to 20kts)	Experienced participants with Stage 3 and above may sail
Regular gusts more than 20kts	No sailing

*Forecasts will be obtained by the Principal from multiple sources and decision made at least 1 full day prior to sailing session, whenever possible.

If wind increases beyond forecast during a sailing session the SI will decide on the appropriate course of action in conjunction with the Principal.

Safety / Support Boat Minimum Ratios

Sufficient volunteers must be available to perform the following roles:

For all sessions with up to six dinghies on the water – One Safety Boat with a crew of two, one must hold an RYA Safety Boat Certificate.

For sessions with two or more novices (below Stage 1):

- One Safety Boat with at least one crew member holding an RYA Safety Boat Certificate, PLUS
- One Support Boat with a helm qualified to RYA PB2.

If seven or more dinghies are to be launched, they are to be accompanied by two Safety Boats, both with at least one crew member onboard holding an RYA Safety Boat Certificate.

All helms of Safety / Support Boats must hold at least an RYA PB2 Certificate.



Exceptions

The above provides guidance and the decision of the Principal is final in all sailing related matters.