

# Beach Support Quick Guide (including Covid-19 guidance)

## Pre Race

1. Are you well?

- No = stay Home/ go home
- Advise Race Team and Sailing Secretary

2. Suggested items to bring with you: wear something bright so you can be easily found, some means of making a list of participants, binoculars and your own handheld VHF if you have one.

## Before the start of the sailing session

3. Identify your OD and any other members of the session team.

4. Raise any questions if need be, to clarify what the OD wants you to do – certain aspects of your role may be more important depending on the weather or other circumstances.

5. If the session is to be run from a Committee Boat make sure you have a means of contact with the OD, either by monitoring VHF Ch37 or/and mobile phone.

6. If a club VHF is used it must be cleaned and put back on charge in the Chart Room after use.

7. Be conspicuous on the Boat Park so you can be identified. Standing around with a clipboard works!

8. Generally look for 'traffic' pinch points, too many boats heading for the same slip, a boat blocking a trackway, and advise sailors of alternative slips or routes to use.

9. Aim to encourage everyone to stay 2m apart, though 1m+ is acceptable in the open air.

10. You are not there to 'police', just advise where possible.

11. Make a list of boats and sailors as they arrive or whilst they are setting up. This will help in noting the boats as they leave shore.

12. Suggested items to record: Sail number, type of boat, names and number of crew, hull colour (surprisingly useful)

## At the start of the session

12. Have a column to clearly record when the boat leave shore.

14. Have a column to clearly record when a boat has returned to shore.

15. Include safety and Committee Boat crew (and your name and date)

16. Record names of 'spectators' on site

17. Monitor VHF Channel 37. Stations calling you will call you by your station name "BEACH"

18. Be prepared to hoist Flag AP on the club flagstaff if requested by the OD due to a delay in starting the session. (Flags and horn will be in the lobby of the clubhouse)

19. Be prepared to lower Flag AP – with a sound – if requested by the OD.

## During the session

20. Generally stay aware of events on water so far as you are able (binoculars help)

21. Be aware of events on club premises. All sorts of things can happen – use your common sense.

22. Advise the OD of anything that may affect safety or otherwise interfere with the smooth running of the session. Hard to say what, but an approaching Fog Bank is an obvious one, a boat in trouble but not attended by a safety boat would be another.
23. Record on your list boats that have returned ashore
24. Record on your list new boats (and crew) that go out after the start of the session.

### At the end of the session

25. If you cannot confirm that a boat is ashore, and it is not obviously still sailing, advise the OD.
26. We are not operating a tally system so this can only be a guide, it will be for the OD to decide whether further action is necessary (such as a search by the safety boats)
27. The job is not over until the safety boat crew and OD have returned ashore
28. Leave your notes in the basket provided just inside the clubhouse door