



Multihull Yacht Club Queensland (MYCQ), COVID-19 Safety Plan

1. Introduction

THE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN THIS PLAN ARE REQUIRED BY LAW AND IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL SKIPPERS, CREW, MEMBERS AND VISITORS TO COMPLY WITH THEM.

All the procedures are simple and they are for everyone's protection. Therefore please treat them as an imperative. They could be the most important thing you do this year.

To facilitate the implementation of these standards the document has been organised to define the required actions for each participant in Section A, followed in subsequent Section B by the background.

A1. Specific Tasks by the MYCQ

The MYCQ has appointed **Bruce Wieland as the Covid-19 Officer who will be responsible for maintaining records of participants in events as required and ensuring that any gathering will abide by the current rules, including the hygiene and distancing requirements.** He will also monitor any Queensland Government directions regarding changed conditions. To assist in keeping records the Commodore may appoint a COVID-19 assistant.

The MYCQ is fortunate as boats competing in events are kept in various locations and are remote from each other. In addition, the MYCQ will not hold social events until it is safe to do so and then strictly apply the applicable COVID-19 requirements. There will be no face-to-face meetings prior to events/races for briefings and all communication will be via electronic means. There will be no social gatherings after events/races. Therefore to maintain distances and keep a record of participants is relatively simple.

The MYCQ will ensure that:

-there are no gatherings or social events except for management and monthly meetings where the Government COVID-19 requirements will apply;

-ensure any sailing events conform with the requirements, by using electronic means for all communication with competitors, hence ensuring there are no gatherings for briefing or social related events;



- ensure that records are kept of all crew members together with their contact details for a period of 6 months;
- maintain a record for 5 years of anyone attending a MYCQ event/race who develops COVID-19 symptoms;
- require skippers to ensure anyone about to board their boat is well and does not have any COVID-19 symptoms (this requires the skipper to ask the question of everyone about to board their boat);
- require skippers to provide the necessary information, prior to racing, about their crew, including who will be aboard, their contact details, and report any COVID-19 incidents as defined below;
- notify the Aquatic Sport Group Safety Coordinator, Melanie Woosnam at ceo@waterpoloqld.com.au, telephone 0412164416 and the Department of Health if anyone has symptoms;
- require anyone with symptoms, or anyone who has come into contact with anyone with symptoms, to be self-isolated and tested by the authorities;
- review COVID-19 requirements on a monthly basis or when there is a major change in Government policy; and
- display a signed COVID-19, Statement of Compliance Certificate in the club house and on the web site.

When social gatherings are allowed the MYCQ may hold General Meetings and social events but will comply with the hygiene requirements by ensuring:

- the venue is thoroughly cleaned prior to the event;
- adequate hygiene facilities are available including suitable hand wash at the entry and bathrooms are well stocked with hand washing facilities;
- maintaining a sign on sheet at the door, requiring all attendees to provide their name, address and contact details prior to entering;
- banning all contact such as handshakes at the venue; and



-reporting any COVID-19 breaches, anyone with symptoms and notifying anyone present at the event that they may have come into contact with someone with symptoms and advising them to self-isolate for 14 days.

A2. Skipper's and Crew Responsibilities

The following are absolutely essential if a skipper and crew are to take part in an event/race.

THE SKIPPER shall arrange for the cleaning of the boat prior to each event to avoid contamination from previous users of the boat.

To enter an event, a skipper shall sign on using revSport. This requires skippers to logon to revSport by clicking on the link for each event in the MYCQ calendar and registering for the event/race. This will require **skippers to provide the contact details of all crew members which may be done by simply providing the AS number of each crew member.** The skipper shall also ensure each crew member is healthy and does not have COVID-19 symptoms.

CREW MEMBERS must ensure their details are correct on the Australian Sailing site and that they are healthy and do not have any COVID-19 symptoms. In accepting a crew position **they must also agree to inform the skipper if they subsequently develop (i.e. within 14 days) any COVID-19 symptoms.**

THE SKIPPER shall provide the following details via the revSport logon:

-name and sail number of boat;

-number of crew, including skipper; and

-a declaration that all crew are healthy and do not have COVID-19 symptoms;

-the name of each crew member (including the skipper), their Australian Sailing number (that provides the address and contact details including email and mobile phone).

Should there be a late change to the crew, **the SKIPPER shall notify the OOD and the Commodore of the crew and their contact details by email,** prior to the event/race.

Taking part in an event/race confirms that **the SKIPPER will:**



-advise MYCQ if any crew member develops COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days of sailing;
and

-will notify all crew members if any crew member reports sick with COVID-19 symptoms.

The skipper shall also ensure that there is minimal contact between crew members by, where practical, **maintaining social distancing and banning physical contact by banning handshakes, 'high fives' etc.**

B1. Background

This plan is required by law and all the procedures must be followed.

This plan is aimed at providing a safe environment for all its members and visitors participating in MYCQ events and requires everyone to comply with the COVID-19 State Government requirements.

The MYCQ Covid-19 Safety Plan is based on the AIS Framework and National Principles and complies with Queensland's Roadmap to easing restrictions and the Return to Play Guide for Queensland Sport, Recreation and Fitness industries and the guidelines prepared by Australian Sailing.

The Plan is based on the following principles.

- The health and safety of members, participants, officials and the broader community is the main priority.
- The MYCQ facilities and the organisation of events is aimed at upgraded hygiene protocols and physical distancing requirements.
- Applying all applicable State Government restrictions and regulations as applicable.

B2. Responsibilities

The MYCQ will comply with the requirements of Sport Aquatic Sport Group and Australian Sailing in managing the implementation of this plan and in particular will:

- comply with all health directions from the Queensland Government;
- be cognisant of current health directives and update the plan accordingly;
- comply with testing requirements;
- keep accurate records of participants and any relevant health problems;



- ensure any participants are notified if they have potentially come into contact with anyone with COVID-19 symptoms; and
- ensure that anyone with potential symptoms, or anyone who has come into contact with anyone with symptoms, self isolate and report to health authorities for testing.

B3. Risk Management

The MYCQ will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and modify the approach accordingly and publicly display at the clubhouse and on-line the COVID Safe Plan Statement of Compliance. This statement will be reviewed monthly and will be signed by the Commodore as a true and correct record.

B4. Conduct of Events: Heath and Safety

The MYCQ will consult with all those involved in the events to ensure that best practice solutions are adopted and in particular, will:

- ensure that there are no gatherings, except as necessary to manage the club's activities when strict hygiene and distancing rules shall apply;
- not hold any social gatherings where numbers and social distancing rules are difficult to apply;
- ensure there are the required hygiene facilities are in place; and
- minimise the risk of cross contamination by ensuring all instructions to competitors are via electronic means, including the registration and 'signing-on' for events.

The MYCQ will maintain a record for 6 months of participants in club events and accordingly will require any participating skippers to provide details of their crew and their contact details, and to report anyone with potential symptoms. In addition, the MYCQ will keep a record for 5 years of anyone developing symptoms after being involved in MYCQ events.

To enable boats to compete and to avoid the need for auditors to inspect boats, the safety audits already carried out in 2019/20 can be used until February 2021.

When General Meetings and social gatherings are allowed the MYCQ will abide by the spatial and social distancing requirements, ensure hygiene protocols are employed and keep a record of all participants for 6 months.



Appendix A: Statement of Compliance

The following will be displayed in the Club and on the MYCQ web page.

Our COVID-19 procedures checked monthly for compliance.



STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

This site is operating in compliance with an Industry COVID SAFE Plan

A copy of the Industry COVID SAFE Plan may be found at:
www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/covid-safe-businesses

- Follow the rules and keep us all safe
- Practice social distancing
- Wash your hands regularly
- Be prepared to leave your contact details for tracing purposes
- This is a COVID SAFE site

Signed by: _____
(authorised business representative)

Date: _____

covid19.qld.gov.au





Appendix B: Aquatic Sports Sector Plan

The Queensland Government's Aquatic Sector Plan, dated 5th June 2020, can be found at www.covid19.qld.gov.au . This plan defines social distancing requirements which shall be applied where practical, hygiene and reporting requirements

Any questions regarding complying with safe COVID practices should be addressed to Queensland Regional Office of Australian Sailing address Ben.Callard@sailing.org.au.