

BSC code of conduct for on water activities

Background

BSC's activities have changed over time. Historically the primary focus of the club has been structured racing at weekends subject to Racing Rules of Sailing and BSC's own Sailing Instructions and Policies & Procedures.

BSC's activities have expanded to include the following:

- informal sailing by individuals
- informal sailing in small groups, generally organised by class leaders
- twilight sailing training on a seasonal basis, including use of club resources such as powerboats
- junior training programs, including use of club resources such as powerboats

The purpose of this document is to reinforce behaviour on the water that is consistent with:

- safety
- sound risk management
- maintaining BSC's good reputation

Key principles & requirements

- Acknowledgment that sailors sail at their own risk
- Acknowledgment that members' behaviour reflects on BSC given that BSC fleets are well known on the waterways
- Abiding by "rules of the road"
- Abiding by BSC requirements during formal races, particularly safety requirements
- Adhering to protocols for the use of club resources, particularly powerboats
- During informal sailing, keeping clear of vessels that are racing, their marks and support boats
- Abiding by government health orders
- Avoiding restricted areas such as naval waters, proximity to ferries and shipping lanes where applicable
- If contemplating the use of Australian Sailing marks for training or other activities:
 - Always leave AS marks to starboard when rounding them
 - Do not use AS marks at any time they are being used by other fleets for scheduled races.

Key messages

- Safety is paramount
- Respect other users of the waterways
- We are all ambassadors for BSC