

Jacomo Sailing Club

SAFETY CHECKSHEET: RACE COMMITTEE

Equipment

- Fuel status?
- Lightening Detector
- Weather Radio
- VHS radio/Walkie Talkie
- Shore communication (cell phone or equivalent)
- PFD (life jacket)
- Fire extinguisher: verify location and condition

Pre-Race

- Who in charge today? Appoint RC chairman.
- Weather check ref: NOAA **816-540-6021**
- Lightening detector on if weather warrants
- Radio check
- Shore communication (cell phone or equivalent)
- PFD: one per person + throwable (includes rescue boat)
- How to best monitor race course for safety issues
- Test PA system
- Review universal distress hand signals
- Smoking is not permitted while refueling or near open or leaking fuel source
- Verify location of First Aid Kit

Racing

- All skippers must have valid third party insurance.
- It is the RC's decision to hold a race or cancel a race due to weather/sea conditions.
- The safety boat(s) will be launched and on the water prior to the start time of the race. It remains on the water throughout the races.
- The RC must cancel a race at anytime they feel they cannot provide safety cover. Club members must respect the RC's decision.
- The RC can refuse entry in a race to anyone they feel is a danger to other sailors.
- The RC can refuse entry in a race to any boat they feel is un-seaworthy or inadequately equipped for the conditions.
- The RC can refuse entry in a race to anyone they feel they cannot provide safety cover for.

- At least 1 of the RC team should be dressed for and physically capable of performing in-the-water rescue support.

Rescue

- Personal safety is first priority (both sailors and rescuers)
- Verify location of each sailor. Be sure each wearing PFD.
- Assign RC person to keep track of each person in water (sailors and rescuers)
- Coordinate rescue efforts with skipper (skipper has ultimate responsibility)
- Request shore assistance when needed (call 911 or Rangers). Expect at 15 minutes to respond so don't wait too long
- Have knife available to cut entangled lines in emergency
- RC chairman in charge of RC rescue response efforts
- Avoid risking personal safety to save equipment
- Hand signal for "need assistance" is a clinched fist

Emergency: Call 911

- Park Rangers/Water Patrol: **816-795-8888**
- Marina: **816-503-4890**
- First Aid Kit: located in equipment locker on deck
- Fire extinguisher: located in equipment locker on deck
- Use "Emergency sound wailing Siren" to notify sailors to clear the lake