



Hurst Castle Sailing Club On-The-Water Event Instruction



1. APPLICABILITY

- 1.1 These instructions apply to Club organised on-the-water events for small craft including sailing dinghies, rowing or paddling craft.
- 1.2 These instructions do not apply to HCSC events organised by the Cruising Section, or to racing or training events.
- 1.3 For some events additional instructions may be issued.

2. SAFETY

- 2.1 The craft user is entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing the organisers do can reduce this responsibility. By launching and taking part, the craft user confirms that the craft and crew are adequate for the event.
- 2.2 HCSC organised events are led by an appointed officer of the day (OOD) who may be assisted by support boats and crew.

3. EXPECTATIONS

3.1 Of the OOD:

- 3.1.1 to research the destination or sailing area.
- 3.1.2 to obtain the latest weather forecast and tidal flow information.
- 3.1.3 to prepare a passage plan, including escape routes, and event details.
- 3.1.4 to brief the event group of the plan and make available a sign-on sheet.
- 3.1.5 to cancel or amend the event if any risk is deemed unacceptable prior to the start.

3.2 Of members taking part:

- 3.2.1 to attend the event briefing.
- 3.2.2 to carry out an assessment of risk for themselves and any crew, to ensure as far as reasonably possible, they are able to undertake the event without requiring assistance.
- 3.2.3 to complete the sign on sheet to state that they accept the risks^{*1}.
- 3.2.4 to ensure that their craft is seaworthy; and sufficiently equipped for the event^{*2}.
- 3.2.5 to wear personal buoyancy of at least 50N or a life jacket.
- 3.2.6 to heed warnings and reasonable instructions of the OOD or Supportcrew.

3.3 Of Junior members

- 3.3.1 It is a pre-requisite for Junior members who take charge of a craft that a Parental Consent Form is completed by a responsible adult. Such forms are valid only for the year in which they are completed.

4. INSURANCE

- 4.1 Members should maintain adequate insurance for their craft including third party cover of at least £2 million per incident.

^{*1} Members are encouraged to talk to the OOD, prior to setting out, if they are concerned about any aspect of the event.

^{*2} Equipment advice and guidance can be found on the HCSC website.

Signed _____ Rear Commodore Sailing pp Sailing Committee _____



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