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## Guidelines for Cancellation of Sailing

When bad weather gives cause to consider if sailing is possible, the following procedures should be followed:

- ◆ Only in extreme conditions of winds greater than a steady 35 knots should a decision be made to cancel sailing without first testing the conditions. Conditions can moderate rapidly so stay ready to sail before lunch
- ◆ In less than 35 knot winds launch a patrol boat and then call a senior sailor(s) out in their yacht to assess conditions.
- ◆ Consider information in the following order of precedence:
  - ◆ Feedback from sailors and crews of patrol boats who have been on the water
  - ◆ Relative experience and skill levels of fleets
  - ◆ Experience and skills of patrol boat crews
  - ◆ Observations of weather conditions
    - ◆ Wind strength and steadiness
    - ◆ Wind direction
    - ◆ Wave conditions
    - ◆ Air and water temperature
    - ◆ Weather forecast and “Now Cast” information
- ◆ A decision to cancel sailing should be made on a fleet by fleet basis by consultation with the sailing committee including BOK. The ultimate responsibility being that of the Club Captain
- ◆ If a decision is made to sail in difficult conditions and the OD is not in agreement he has the right to relinquish his role
- ◆ At briefing it should be emphasised to sailors that the ultimate decision to sail or not is theirs

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