

RAHRC Waterfront Procedures

Objective:

This document covers the responsibilities and procedures for RAHRC water based activities. Its aim is to enhance the safety of club members, their guests and staff.

General Safety.

- a. The responsibility for safety remains with the person partaking in the activity.
- b. Parents must supervise children under 16.
- c. Club members are responsible for their guests.
- d. The Club Safety Post (Red container in middle of beach) is the central point for safety and hire of equipment. CSP contact details:-
 - Landline 2467 5720;
 - Mobile 9721 5896;
 - Email rahrcwinchroom@gmail.com

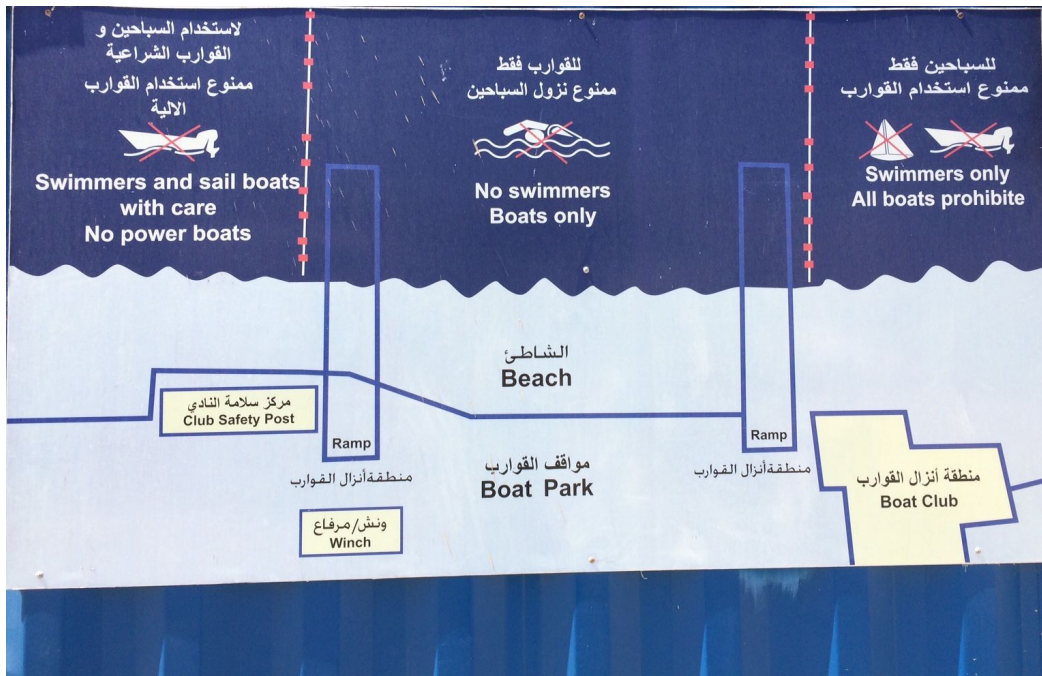
1. Waterfront safety.

- 1.1 All members & Guests must:
 - Follow safety directions of Club Safety Post (CSP) signs and personnel.
 - Respect the PDO operations, the PDO pilot harbour is not an extension of the RAHRC and may only be used in case of an emergency with permission from the CSP.
 - Keep The Club tidy, everyone is responsible for their own waste.
- 1.2 Only members who are 16 and older are allowed to book club assets.
- 1.3 Adult members may book club assets for their children however remain fully responsible for their children's activity and behaviour.
- 1.4 Swimmers always have right of way.
- 1.5 If you see anyone in difficulty contact the CSP immediately.
- 1.6 First Aid boxes are situated at the CSP, Swimming Pool and Sailing Club bar.
- 1.7 AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) are situated in the CSP, near the swimming pool and in the Sports Hall.

2. Division of the bay.

To ensure safe use of the RAHRC waterfront by multiple activities, the club bay has been divided into three sections.

- 2.1 Power boats may only transit in and out of the bay using the channel in the Central section unless involved in a safety operation.
- 2.2 Sailing boats are allowed to use all of the bay, they shall always provide a wide berth to swimmers and proceed at a safe speed approaching the beach.
- 2.3 The Small Club Rescue Rib which may assist sail training anywhere in the bay.
- 2.5 Swimmers may traverse the Central section only. Do not linger between the slipways.
- 2.6 Junior and Youth sailing may use all the bay but be aware of swimmers.



3. Power boat launch and recovery.

- 3.1 On departure power boats are to proceed directly to the Yellow fairway buoy using the indicated buoyed channel.
- 3.2 On returning to the club bay, power boats are to proceed to the yellow fairway buoy and from there directly to the ramp or centre beach using the indicated buoyed channel.
- 3.3 Speed in the bay must be kept to 3 knots maximum.
- 3.4 Passengers must be collected from the beach between the slipways.
- 3.4 Kill Cords must be worn at all times.
- 3.5 Buoyancy Aids must be worn at all times when the boat is in motion.








4. **Orange bay marker buoys.**

- 4.1 The main reason for the orange marker buoys in the bay is to indicate the perimeter of the safe area for club activities.
- 4.2 Swimmers always have right of way within the club bay.
- 4.3 Fishing inside the orange marker buoys is prohibited.

5. **Fishermen in the bay.**

- 5.1 Fishing is not allowed in the bay. Local fishermen are attracted to the club bay by the presence of sardine used for live bait and in some occasions the laying of nets and fish cages. Their presence however generates a risk to activities including net entanglement or being run over.
- 5.2 If you see fishermen in the bay politely ask them to leave and then immediately inform the CSP of their presence.

6. **Signals Ashore - Flags.** Coloured flags are used to inform club members on swimming conditions.

- 6.1   and  flags are used to inform users of the sea conditions.
 - 6.1.1 CSP responsible for the correct flag display on both CSP and swimming pool mast.
- 6.2  **Green Flag** - safe swimming, calm seas, light wind.
- 6.3  **Yellow Flag** - stronger swimmers or experienced paddlers only, proceed with caution.
- 6.4  **Yellow Flag with Jellyfish Symbol** - Beware of Jellyfish
- 6.5  **Red Flag** - Beach closed, do not swim or go afloat in kayaks or SUP's.

7. **Signal Ashore - Black Balls.** One or two vertical black balls indicates the specific risk to power and sail boat users.

- 7.1 **No Black Balls** - Sea conditions are calm or have small (<0.3 mtr) waves, wind is below 12 knots.
 - All adult sailors with a ticket are allowed to sail.
 - Topper sailors with a ticket can sail if their parents are on the beach and watching them or out in a kayak, SUP or another sailing boat.
 - Oppie sailors who have completed a course may sail if they are supervised on the water by an adult who has a sailing ticket. 1 adult can supervise up to 2 Oppie sailors.

7.2 **One Black Ball** - Sea conditions <0.6 mtr waves, wind is between 12 and 20 knots.

- Only Experienced Sailors allowed to sail (must be on the "Experienced Sailors" list in CSP).
- No Youth sailors allowed on the water except as crew of an Experienced Sailor.

7.3 **Two Black Balls** - Waves are >0.7 mtrs, wind is in excess of 20 knots.

- No sailing except in *exceptional circumstances.

7.4 ***Exceptional Circumstances** - certain conditions could dictate that sailing is allowed in stronger winds or restricted in lighter winds. This decision will be made on the day depending on circumstances.

8. **Rental of Club Kayaks and SUP's (Stand Up Paddleboards).**

8.1 These may be rented from the CSP by anyone over the age of 16.

8.2 Parents are responsible for the safety of children under 16.

8.3 Correctly fitting Buoyancy Aids must be worn at all times.

8.4 On SUP's always attach the Safety Leash to your ankle.

8.5 You must stay inside RAH bay. I.e. stay inside the line of perimeter buoys.

8.6 Collect and return the craft and buoyancy aids form the CSP.

8.7 Please do not misuse the craft.

8.8 On return please rinse and store craft and buoyancy aids correctly.

8.9 Report any damage to the CSP immediately.

9. **Operating outside the bay (private kayaks & SUP's).**

9.1 If you venture outside the bay you must:-

- Notify the CSP of your route and expected return time.
- Carry a mobile phone with the CSP mobile number stored (97215896)
- Wear a buoyancy aid at all times.
- Ideally always go with a colleague.