



## Tankerton Bay Sailing Club

### TBSC UNSUPPORTED SAILING AND CRUISING

#### You safe sailing checklist: -

- a. **Know your limit** – Be responsible, know your limits – **IF IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT**
- b. **Weather and sea conditions** – check these online before you sail. Remember NE and N winds can produce heavy onshore breakers that can make launching and recovery difficult. Ensure you have adequate sailing competence for the conditions forecast. We recommend you don't sail if the forecast is above a force 5
- c. **Tide times** – ensure you have sufficient tide to launch and/or recover your boat – tide times can be found on line on our website page. As a rule of thumb – 2.5hrs either side of high is usually more than sufficient near the clubhouse.
- d. **Your accessories** – take sun block, waterproof watch, compass, multi tool, snacks and drinking water
- e. **Plan your sail** – let someone knows of your plans and when you plan to return.
- f. **Buddy up** – its more fun and reduces the risks if you sail with a buddy on another boat
- g. **You have a means of contact** – take a phone in a waterproof container or a VHF radio
- h. **Boat / equipment** – check boat, rigging and personal gear. Take bailer, paddle and spare rope
- i. **Rigging, launching, recovery and derigging** – ensure you are capable either on your own or you're your crew to complete all the above.
- j. **Signing out - Always always** sign out if sailing from the club and let the duty team or someone know when you return. Never free sail without letting someone know where you going and when you plan to return. A sheet is now kept in the lobby for non-supported events.
- k. **If in trouble** – stay with the boat and drop the sails. Or make for the nearest shore and contact the club / point of contact
- l. If your plans change at any stage, please confirm this with your onshore contact
- m. Encourage other members to follow these guidelines
- n. **If in trouble whilst sailing** – if you cannot make the nearest shore, stay with the boat and drop the sails and make contact with shore via your phone or VHF.
- o. **Upon return** – let your shoreline contact know
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