CCSC FOG GUIDELINES

FOG Guidelines for Club Racing (Events will have separate guidelines)

Decision: visibility is too poor for racing/ on water activity

OD consults with Safety Officer and guidance

OD decides whether it is safe to race.



Fog arrives before boats leave shore

OD postpones race if time allows. (AP ashore)

OD cancels racing today. (AP over A ashore)

OD stands down safety team



Fog arrives before the start of race

OD requests Safety team to implement Fog Guidelines (this document)

The fleet are told by Committee boat, safety and mark laying boats to stay close to the Committee Boat

AP on Committee Boat



Fog arrives after the race starts - OD Actions

OD requests safety team to implement Fog guidelines

OD decides to Shorten Course or Abandon the race



Inform fleet at the end of a leg to STOP, and stay close together by a known reference point

Count boats near them and report to OD

OD Calculates whether all boats are accounted for

Consult results of last round completed

Consult with safety officer

Consult with Beachmaster (if available)



Boats unaccounted for:

OD requests Safety Officer to commence search



All boats accounted for:

Recovery will usually be to CCSC Club

Boats to be sent home in small groups remaining in sight of each other until ashore

If one boat stops (capsizes) all boats stop.



Boat loses sight of other boats or known reference point

Boat must stop and use a whistle to attract attention.

Do not sail away from the race area

MET Office definitions of visibility:

Visibility

Very poor

Visibility less than 1,000 metres

Poor

Visibility between 1,000 metres and 2 nautical miles

Moderate

Visibility between 2 and 5 nautical miles

Good

Visibility more than 5 nautical miles

Portland Harbour: distance of markers from CCSC Flag Pole

Green denotes visibility is good enough for Club Racing.

Amber denotes visibility is good enough for Club Racing with greater care (smaller race area for example)

Red denotes Club Racing must not take place.

NOTE WHILE RACING IS SUBJECT TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS <u>ONLY GREEN AND RED ARE IN OPERATION.</u>

Marker	Bearing (T)	NM	Metres	Visibility
South Entrance	130°	2.2	4074	Moderate
East Entrance Fort Head	104°	2	3704	Moderate
North Entrance (B (south) Head)	87°	1.2	2222	Poor
Portland Marina Entrance	161	1.2	2222	Poor
Mid Harbour (approx.)	121°	1	1852	Poor
Marina access route buoy East	101°	0.8	1481	Poor
Marina access route buoy West	135°	0.5	926	Very Poor
Outside edge of club moorings	121°	0.3	555	Very Poor
Sandsfoot Castle (on shore)	41°	0.2	370	Very Poor

Warning signs

- Fog bank approaching from the direction of the wind indicates highest risk of Fog
- Cloud descending on Portland Island, or descending on higher ground behind the club. (This is visible when looking back to the club from the committee boat)
- Portland Bill Fog horn sounding.