

# EXTREME WEATHER GUIDELINES POLICY

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**It is the role of the Duty Officer of the day to consider the following guidelines and consult with members present with regard their instigation or otherwise.**

After consultation with present members, the Duty Officer (DO) shall determine whether to proceed with, postpone or cancel Club activities.

“Extreme weather” will factor consideration of high temperature including Bureau of Meteorology declared heat wave, excessive wind conditions, the possibility of lightning strike, designated extreme or Code Red Fire danger days and thunderstorm asthma alert.

## **Guidelines:**

### **Non – Discretionary:**

1. No sailing or external club activities including social events and working bees on declared Extreme or Code Red Days.
2. Cancellation or postponement of sailing and outside activities where thunderstorm / lightning activity is imminent or present. (Check Weather Forecast App or latest Weather Radar and Lightning Tracker App.)
3. Cancelling sailing activities and other activities as appropriate with winds or predicted gusts exceeding 35knots (60kph). Consideration must be given to lesser experienced sailors.
4. The provision of adequate shade, personal hydration options and 50+ sunscreen for all present at club activities. (Refer to *NEWC SunSmart Policy*)
5. Advise members present of Thunderstorm Asthma Alerts. (Individuals who could potentially be affected will determine their own personal position as to continuing or withdrawing from club events).

### **Discretionary**

1. Cancelling or limiting external club activities on days with temperatures exceeding 36 degrees Celsius.
2. Cancelling or limiting external club activities when thunderstorm asthma alerts are issued by the Bureau of Meteorology

### **NOTE:**

If a member chooses to proceed with activities after briefing and cancellation or postponement of an event/activity, it is entirely at his or her discretion and liability with no recourse to the NEWC Inc. Committee.

In the event of racing cancellation, there will be no accrual of championship or award points.

Any member at his or her discretion is free to opt out of any club activity or event if prevailing or predicted weather conditions exceeds their personal comfort levels and abilities.

In the instance of a member choosing to opt out of an event or activity, he/ she is responsible for handing over any delegated duties held at that time to another appropriate club member.