 

**Operational Plan and Briefing Sheet**

**Information on the Event** Ski 4 Kids with Cancer

The Event will be conducted on the **Sunday 19th June 2011** (weather permitting)

The purpose of the Spectacle is raise much need funds for the Hunter Medical Research Institute (H.M.R.I) for the research into Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia.. This is the most common type of Childhood Cancers

**Start**

Launching of Boats is at your individual discretion, however Little Manly is the closest ramp but is very tight, so suggest you drop in and run

Starting Time will be at 8am from Cabbage Tree Bay (Shelley Beach) Manly

Please have Boats to the milling area between Manly Surf Lifesaving Club and Fairy Bower area by 7:30am

It is envisaged that all boats should complete the course between 1hr 45 minutes and 2 ½ Hours

The Start will be a Mass Grid Start, on 5 Minutes the Australian Flag will be raised on 1 Minute the Ski 4 Kids Flag will be raised and Skiers will enter the water and Boats can idle to a taught rope. The Spectacle will begin once the Ski 4 Kids Flag is dropped

The Sweep Boat will follow the Field down to the Finish, in the first instance of an incident please call 000 and then contact the Emergency Vessel and Sweep Boat on Mobile 0413-440888

The Sweep boat will have a Paramedic onboard as well as First Aid Assistance

As a matter of precaution please remain between the container Vessels and the shore ( Norah Head to Newcastle) and inside 2 (two) Nautical Miles of the Shoreline.. And where possible in view of other competing vessels

For those carrying EPIRBS and radios may go farther offshore

**Finish**

**As you approach Newcastle Harbour, you will see the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol Vessel that will have flashing Lights and flying Australian Flags** , you can come in on the Left Side of the Vessel between the Break wall and the Marker at Speed but with extreme caution (be on the lookout for recreational and fishing boats). Proceed downstream; go past the Newcastle foreshore and Brewery where you will see the finish flag on a jetty about 1.5km into the harbour just past the Crowne Plaza.

The Venue for the Finish Line will be the Hogs Breath Caf’e which also has public Jetty’s we can moor there, for a maximum of 4 hours

Hogs Breath will have a reserved area for us this year with a Private Bar,

Boats will be retrieved from the Carrington Boat ramp, (please observe the 4 knot speed limit) at Forjacks floating Dock

**Tailer Drivers**

We have been granted permission from the council to use the Throsby Car Park on Honeysuckle Drive near Hannell Street free of Charge, approx 500 meters to the Finish Line and Hogs Breath Café

**http://au.parkopedia.com/parking/carpark/throsby\_carpark/newcastle**

**Basic Rules**

The Event will be 1 Skier per boat for the Open Classes of Men’s Women’s and Juniors

And the Teams Events of Men’s Women and Juniors can exchange as many skiers as many times they like

All Boats competing must abide by Ski Racing Australia Rules and Regulations

Boats must also be a Minimum of 21ft in length, unless approved by the organisers (19ft Force etc are approved)

This is a NON Sanctioned event of SRA, and as such all insurances are the responsibilities of the Boats owner

It is not a requirement that Drivers and Observers be licensed for Ski Racing, but obviously Drivers must hold current Boat Licence and observers must be over 16 years of age

**Safety Equipment**

All Boats must carry the required safety equipment as required by SRA in Chapter 7 of the 2010/11 Rulebook

<http://skiracing.praxis.net.au/res/file/Final%20RULE%20BOOK%202009-2010%20season%201_1.pdf?PHPSESSID=8453090592807cfd7a6ef0f056a661be>

In Addition please make sure that all Boat Owners/ Drivers are aware of the Safety Equipment required for open water vessels

 http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au/sbh/safety\_equipment/safety\_equipment.html

As we will be inside the 2 Nautical Miles from the Shoreline Vessels are NOT required to have a Marine Radio or EPIRB, (However it is highly recommended)

**Mobile Phones, V sheets and Flares etc..are a MUST**

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL MEAN A NO START**

**WHAT DO IN A CASE OF EMERGENCY**

Radio Frequencies are on the last page of this document

**In case of Emergency please ring 000** and then mobile number 0413440888

# I have spoken to Di Sergeant from Newcastle; she is aware of our Event and has advised Coastal Patrols en- route of our activity... **Please Contact Newcastle in the First Instance and they will relay the Message to the closest Coastal Patrol Phone (02) 4927 8237**

# Royal Volunteer Coastal patrol

# Port Jackson, Area of Coverage Sydney to Long Reef Phone: (02) 9337 5033

# Cottage Point, Area of Coverage Long Reef to Terrigal Phone: (02) 9456 3055

# Terrigal, Area of Coverage Terrigal to Norah Head Phone: (02) 4384 3606

# Swansea, Area of Coverage Norah Head to Newcastle Phone: (02) 4971 3498

# Newcastle Area of Coverage Newcastle Phone (02) 4927 8237

# Or the Water Police on 1800 658 784

**Communication and rescue**

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| **Purpose of Call** | **Radio** | **Relevant Frequency** | **Description** |
| **Distress and Emergency Calling** | **HF** | * **4125 kHz**
* **6215 kHz**
* **8291 kHz**
 | **Monitored by Sydney Ports Corporation 24 hours 7 days a week.** |
| **VHF** | **Channel 16** | **Monitored by Sydneyand Newcastle Port Corporations 24 hours 7 days a week.**  |

**If using a Marine Radio for Emergencies and Weather Information etc.. please see procedures on the Final Page of this Document**

**Emergency words**

All calls are repeated three times.

**MAYDAY**

A mayday call denotes an emergency involving imminent danger to a vessel and the people on board. If you hear a mayday call you should not transmit, but continue to monitor the radio. If a shore station such as the local Coastguard or Coastal Patrol fails to respond to the call you should attempt to relay the message and render any assistance. An example of a mayday message could be: “Mayday, Mayday, Mayday this is Phantom, this is Phantom, this is Phantom, a 5m red half cabin, I am three miles off Red Head, we have been swamped by a wave and we are sinking.There are four people overboard. Over.”

**PAN PAN**

Pan Pan is an urgency message that indicates a vessel is in trouble but not in immediate danger, for example: “Pan Pan, Pan Pan, Pan Pan, this is Phantom, this is Phantom, this is Phantom, a 5m red half cabin, I am three miles off Red Head, we have been disabled by a wave and require a tow.There are four people onboard. Over.”

## HF Radio

For HF radio 24 hour, 7 day week service is operated from Sydney Ports Corporation who monitors the 4125, 6215 and 8291 kHz distress and calling frequencies. This HF service covers NSW coastal waters to at least 200 nautical miles from the shore from a transceiver site in Sydney (Callsign COAST RADIO SYDNEY). Sydney Ports Corporation also broadcasts relevant navigation warnings and marine safety information (MSI) on 8176 kHz at 1057 and 2357 hours and as such warnings are received from AMSA.

## VHF Radio

For VHF radio, Sydney, Newcastle and Port Kembla Port Corporations monitor the VHF distress and emergency channel 16 and local weather and navigation warning broadcasts are provided on VHF channel 67 at 0733 and 1733 hours EST. Severe weather warnings are broadcast at hourly intervals upon receipt of such warnings from AMSA and until such time that the severe weather conditions no longer exist. This VHF service only covers waters within the vicinity of Newcastle to Nowra

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| Weather Forecasts and Warnings | HF | VMC Charleville: * 2201 kHz
* 4426 kHz
* 6507 kHz
* 8176 kHz
* 12365 kHz
* 16546 kHz
 | Broadcast schedule is available at [Bureau of Meteorology](http://www.bom.gov.au/marine) |
| VHF | Channel 67 | Available in the Newcastle – Sydney – Port Kembla areas and scheduled to be broadcasted at 0733 and 1733 hours. Severe weather warnings will be broadcast at hourly intervals upon receipt of such warnings from AMSA and until such time that the severe weather conditions no longer exist.  |
| Navigation Warnings | HF | 8176 kHz | Navigation warnings are scheduled to be broadcast at 1057 and 2357 hours and at times that such warnings are received from AMSA. |
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**Note:** the above frequencies are unchanged from those currently used by Sydney Radio.

**If Possible please try and a LAMINATED COPY of this document**





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**Donations for the Event can be sent to:**

**Ski 4 Kids with Cancer**

**Westpac Belmont**

**BSB: 032510**

**A/C 196644**

**We are asking a Minimum of $100 Donation for the Event**

**(Donations over $2 are tax deductible)**

**Monies Can also be PAID ON THE DAY DIRECT TO HMRI who will issue a Tax Invoice**

**Entry forms can be Sent to: Ski 4 Kids with Cancer**

**Po box 573 Kotara N.S.W 2289**

**Or Email to** **glenngeary@thegoodguys.com.au**

**Fax 02 49-418001**

**Please feel free to contact me on my mobile (0413-440888) or by email should you have any other queries**