

## KBSC Lifejacket Policy

### Policy: Life Jackets

#### Rationale:

The sailing committee has determined the following regarding the wearing of life jackets on club support vessels. This is to provide protection to the individual, particularly in the case of a person overboard.

#### Criteria

- By law any child under the age of twelve years (12) must wear a Personal Floatation device (PFD)
- All personnel on any 'open' club vessel (An Open vessel being - a boat that does not have a permanent rigid deckhouse, cabin or other enclosed space suitable for a person to occupy. (e.g. inflatable of the beach) shall wear a PFD.
- All personnel on any type of marine vessel, which is supporting a water sport in conjunction with the Keppel Bay Sailing Club, shall wear a PFD whilst underway.
- Any person wishing to travel onboard a vessel which is supporting water sport conducted by the KBSC must be at least eight years of age and capable of supporting themselves in the water, without personal buoyancy, for at least 15 minutes and are capable of swimming not less than 50 meters in open water.

All persons taking part in the sport of sailing must comply with Racing Rules of Sailing (Yachting Australia). For PFD definitions refer to: Part 4, *Other Requirements When Racing Section*, and *5.01 under the Racing Rules of Sailing*.

#### Further information

**Life jackets for registered vessels must comply with Australian standards:** For a life jacket or PFD to comply with a particular standard, certain information required under that standard must be displayed. The Australian Standards require markings that include the words PFD TYPE 1,2 or 3 in block letter not less than 6 mm and the words "CAUTION: may not be suitable for all conditions"

AS 1512 – Personal Floatation Devices – Type 1

AS 1499 – Personal Floatation Devices – Type 2

AS 2260 – Personal Floatation Devices – Type 3

#### Definitions:

Under 12 - up to, but not including, 12 years of age.

Underway - a boat not at anchor, made fast to the shore or aground. A boat does not have to be moving to be underway.