

Policy – Crocodile Procedure

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CROCODILE SIGHTING PROCEDURE

Crocodiles can be seen in Keppel Bay and along the Capricorn Coast. Due to the habitat, it is unlikely that a crocodile would live here.

A crocodile which is swimming at the surface is probably moving from one area to another. It may disappear when stalking prey. While stalking prey a crocodile may swim underwater, occasionally resurfacing to assess potential of success.

If a sighting occurs during any KBSC on water activity, sailors are to sail back to the nearest land in full view of the rescue boat.

If a sighting is confirmed, the Livingstone Shire Council will erect signage to advise that a crocodile has been sighted. If signage is present, all on water activity must not occur until it can be confirmed that the animal is outside Keppel Bay or the sailing area.

CROCODILE PRESENCE**EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

DANGER: Crocodile can be seen in Keppel Bay or on the Capricorn Coast at any time of the year.

IF A CROCODILE IS SIGHTED DURING OTB SAILING

ACTION	CHECKED
CEASE ALL THE OFF THE BEACH WATER ACTIVITIES.	
ALWAYS SAIL AWAY from the crocodile.	
DO NOT ENTER IN THE WATER	
If a Crocodile is moving towards the off the beach fleet, a safety boat MUST be placed between the fleet and Crocodile	
If possible, the sailors sail their boat back to the nearest safest land. If wind is too light, or the sailors have not the skills to sail efficiently back to the beach then the safety boat MUST collect the concerned sailors, and, if appropriate, tow the boats or capsize them.	
ALERT all KBSC rescue boats – VHF73 – Call “HANDBAG”. Do not use the term “crocodile” in radio transmissions.	
Sailing Manager or RACE OFFICER must CALL Qld Government on 1800 130 372. CALL Sailing Manager 0429563117	

DATE:

PERSON IN CHARGE:

CROCODILE PRESENCE PRIOR ACTIVITY PLANNING
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DANGER: Crocodile can be seen at any time of the year.

IF A CROCODILE IS SIGHTED PRIOR TO SAILING

ACTION	CHECKED
IF SIGHTING THE SAME DAY OF THE ACTIVITY: CANCEL ALL OFF THE BEACH ACTIVITIES	
IF SIGHTING WITHIN 3 DAYS OF THE ACTIVITY: CONDUCT A CROCODILE PATROL FOR 30 MINUTES, WITHIN ONE HOUR PRIOR THE LAUNCH OF THE SAILING BOATS ON THE BEACH.	
CONFIRM WITH SAILING MANAGER THAT NO SIGHTINGS HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE 1 DAY PRIOR TO SCHEDULED ACTIVITY	

DATE OF FIRST SIGHTING:

SIGHTING CONFIRMED BY:

If a crocodile is spotted during training or racing, the Coach or Instructor:

- Cease ALL off the beach on water activities and get participants OFF the water to the nearest land.
- ALWAYS sail away from the crocodile.
- DO NOT ENTER THE WATER
- If a Crocodile is moving towards the off the beach fleet, a safety boat MUST be placed between the fleet and Crocodile.
- If appropriate, class/fleet leaves off the beach boats, into safety boat.
- Radio the regatta office or Start Boat to alert them.
- The Head coach or Instructor MUST call Sailing Manager & they will notify the relevant authorities.
 - Radio Code word: Handbag and location of the animal.
 - Call “handbag”. Do not use the term “crocodile” in radio transmissions.

Qld Government (1300130372) will provide further instruction.

- **Do NOT Panic**
- **Do NOT Enter the water**
- **Sail away from the Crocodile**
- **Get to the nearest safe land**