



BBYC Severe Weather Plan

Bedford Basin Yacht Club is located on the shores of the upper reaches of the Bedford Basin in Halifax, NS. As a result of its location, the club and associated marina can, from time to time be exposed to strong wind and sea conditions. These conditions can result in significant stresses and strains being placed on the marina and its moorings and on the boats which are tied along side. On rare occasions severe weather conditions have resulted in damage to the facility and member's boats.

General Procedures

1. BBYC Management will and club members should routinely monitor weather forecasts to anticipate severe weather conditions. In the event a storm is forecast for the Bedford Basin area, BBYC Management will contact the Environment Canada Weather Center to monitor the track and intensity of the storm.
2. Boat owners using the BBYC marina and facilities are required at all times to:
 - a. Maintain a private mooring, pre-arranged access to a club mooring for a fee, or alternative safe location for storing their boat in the event the BBYC marina has to be evacuated.
 - b. Ensure that their boat is properly secured to the marina at all times with appropriate lines and fenders.
 - c. Maintain appropriate boat owner insurance to cover any damage which may result while tied to the marina.
3. Boat owners not evacuating the marina during severe weather conditions will be responsible for the cost of any damage attributable to their action which results to the marina structure.

Severe Weather Procedures

4. In the event a storm is forecast for the BBYC area the following procedures will be put into effect:
 - a. Forecast sustained wind of less than **35 knots (40 mph/65 km/h)**
 - Individual boat owners will decide whether to remove their boat from the marina.
 - If the boat is left at the marina the owner is required to ensure that it is properly tied to the marina with adequate lines and fenders and all equipment (e.g. tops, hatches, loose articles, sail covers, etc.) is safely secured.
 - b. **Forecast sustained wind of at least 35 knots (40 mph/65 km/h)**
 - BBYC management (ordinarily the general manager, or in his/her absence the responsible Vice Commodore, or in his/her absence the Commodore) will assess the weather forecast (in particular the wind direction and velocity) and decide if a partial or a complete marina evacuation is required.

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- A **partial evacuation** will result in management ordering some boats to be hauled (e.g. trailerable boats) or moved to private moorings. Boats remaining on the marina may be moved closer inshore and secured with extra lines and fenders.
- BBYC management may order a **complete evacuation** and require all boats to be moved off the marina to private moorings or alternative safe locations.

c. **Forecast sustained winds of at least 45 knots (52 mph/83 km/h)**

- BBYC management (ordinarily the general manager, or in his/her absence the responsible Vice Commodore, or in his/her absence the Commodore) will order a **complete evacuation** of all boats from the marina.
- This decision will be final and all boat owners will be obligated to comply with this procedure and move their boat to an alternative mooring or safe location.
- If time permits, management will attempt to make arrangements to have some boats hauled and stored in the club yard at the owner's expense.
- BBYC staff and equipment will assist where possible to ensure an orderly evacuation of the marina.
 - Management reserves the right to move any boat which represents a threat to the marina or club property, with or without the permission of the owner.
 - Management may make arrangements to protect the marina by placing additional anchors or mooring lines or disassembling sections of the marina.

Notification Procedures

5. The BBYC General Manager, or delegate, will monitor weather forecasts to anticipate severe weather conditions and will attempt to give as much notice as possible to boat owners about a potential marina evacuation.
 - a. In addition to monitoring weather forecasts, boat owners should also monitor the BBYC web site (www.bbyc.ca) or contact BBYC at 835-3729 to receive information and updates about potential marina evacuations.
 - b. When the BBYC General Manager, or delegate, makes a decision to evacuate the marina a notice will be placed on the club web site or Facebook page and staff will contact boat owners via email to inform them of the requirement to move their boats. Failure of members to respond to their emails will result in follow-up phone calls or email messages to the emergency contacts designated on the Marina Slip Application form.
 - c. Where members or their emergency contacts are not available to move their boats, club staff may relocate the boat, for which a fee may be charged.
 - d. Boat owners will not be permitted on the marina or to remain on their boat during an evacuation.
6. Notwithstanding the above procedures, the BBYC General Manager and Board of Directors reserve the right to order a partial or complete evacuation of the marina when the weather, water level or other situation threatens club property.