



Bedford Basin Yacht Club

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Bedford Basin Yacht Club Severe Weather Plan

Background

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.

Plan Purpose

BBYC Management is committed to providing a safe and secure marina facility for the use of club members. This plan has been prepared to protect and minimize potential damage to the club and individual member's property during severe weather conditions.

General Procedures

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.

Boat owners using the BBYC marina and facilities are required at all times to:

- Maintain a private mooring or alternative safe location for storing their boat in the event the BBYC marina has to be evacuated.
- Ensure that their boat is properly secured to the marina at all times with appropriate lines and fenders.
- Maintain appropriate boat owner insurance to cover any damage which may result while tied to the marina.

Boat owners not evacuating the marina during severe weather conditions may be responsible for the cost of any damage which results to the marina structure.



Severe Weather Procedures

In the event a storm is forecast for the BBYC area the following procedures will be put into effect:

1. 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.

2. Sustained wind of at least 35 knots (40 mph/65 km/h)

- BBYC management will assess the weather forecast (in particular the wind direction and velocity) and decide if a partial or a complete marina evacuation is required.
- 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.
- Non-BBYC boats will not be permitted on the marina without the written permission of management.

3. Sustained winds of at least 45 knots (52 mph/83 km/h)

- BBYC Management 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.
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- 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

- Management 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.
- 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.
- When Management makes a decision to evacuate the marina a notice will be placed on the club web site and staff will attempt to contact boat owners to inform them of the requirement to move their boats.
- Where members are not available to move their boats, club staff will assist where possible.
- Boat owners will not be permitted on the marina or to remain on their boat during a severe storm.

Notwithstanding the above procedures, BBYC Management reserves the right to order a partial or complete evacuation of the marina when the weather, water level or other situation threatens club property.

BBYC Committee of Management
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