

PARTICIPATION POLICY

The safety of our participants is our number one priority!

To ensure the safety and well-being of all participants, Skippers and “designated crew members” are prohibited from participating in this event if they:

- 1. Have consumed alcohol prior to or during the event.**
- 2. Are under the influence of any substances, including but not limited to marijuana.**

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Keelboats and powerboats are invited to participate.
2. There shall be a minimum of two souls onboard each boat, 2 of which must be adults.
3. Attending the Skipper Meeting is mandatory in order to review the guidelines and describe the routing we will cruise.
4. The cruise will last approximately 60 minutes at a planned speed of 2-3 knots.
5. Prepare your boats in daylight.
6. Participants must consult the *Transport Canada Safe Boating Guide* to ensure they have the required safety equipment, including navigation lights, tested and operational.
7. A VHF radio is required.
8. Lifelines must be attached.
9. When embarking and disembarking from the boat, be sure to have the boat's hull resting against your slip and the area well illuminated.
10. Life jackets must be worn by all onboard.
11. The Skipper of the boat must remain at the helm at all times.
12. Have a flashlight or headlamp for every crew member. Red lights are best to illuminate the cockpit. Don't over-illuminate your cockpit with a bright white light when on the water. Dim your navigation screens and cabin lights.
13. Leaving the cockpit to walk on the deck must be avoided, but should this be required for safety reasons, the crew member leaving the cockpit must be tethered to a safety line.
14. If the removal and installation of the fenders requires the crew to walk on deck, leave your fenders attached. If you don't want to drag 8 fenders through the water, reduce the number when prepping your boat.
15. Sailboats will cruise under power.
16. Review your MOB drill. Should we experience a MOB, don't rush to the MOB boat. This may prevent them from maneuvering or keeping the MOB in sight. Light up the search area with your lights without blinding the MOB boat.
17. Minimize the work required to put your boat away after returning. This is to limit movement on the boat decks and docks.