

**2012**

## **Saltwater Challenge Safety Rules**



In the event of an on-the-water emergency arising from equipment failure, collision, or unintended water immersion, there will be officials stationed along the course and SLSV boats will be located at the Sand Caves corner & on the staging near the finish line to help you. It is imperative that you follow their instructions for your own safety and the safety of those around you.

### **Safety rules applicable to all participants include the following:**

- 1) Regatta participants will yield to the absolute authority of official Regatta personnel in all matters of traffic, safety, and rescue.
- 2) Race participants are strictly forbidden to return to any aspect of regatta participation following any unintended immersion in the water, except with the approval of regatta officials.
- 3) No boat shall cross on to the race course unless expressly instructed or permitted to do so by a Regatta official. Regatta officials will be stationed along the course for the purpose of ensuring adherence to this direction.
- 4) If a competitor boat is about to be overtaken by a faster boat, then it must yield to the outside of the course, and warn the faster crew to alter course if there is danger of a collision.
- 5) In the event that any crew becomes separated from its equipment (shells, oars, sculls, etc.), that equipment will be retrieved, if possible, by Regatta personnel and deposited at a designated dock or other location for recovery by the school/club to which they belong.
- 6) The river will be under RV red flag system, please refer to the RV website for more information if required.

### **Course Rules applicable to all participants include the following:**

- 1) Crews will be called to the staging in bow number order from highest to lowest, ensure you have someone carrying your oars and that your crew is ready when your number is called.
- 2) The first crews heading to the start must travel past the canning street bridge to the red buoy. Officials will be present to instruct crews when to start moving back through the bridge to the starting line.
- 3) The start is a rolling start, so you will be instructed to begin racing by officials, approximately 50m before the start line.
- 4) Absolutely no overtaking on the sand caves corner past the double white buoy with red flag, this is approximately 30 meters from the corner. There is a line of buoys leading into the corner and all crews are to stay with the white buoys on their bow side to assist with handling the corner.
- 5) After you have crossed the finish line, you must travel past the yellow buoy before turning around.
- 6) Return to the staging in the buoyed transit lane only. Please be aware of crews still racing and ensure there is ample space to avoid collision

**Refusal by any participant to co-operate with and abide by these safety rules may result in:**  
**a. His/her disqualification from this Regatta and the possibility of exclusion from future events,**  
**b. Application of time penalties.**