

# WSC FIRE PROCEDURES

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## BY THE PERSON DISCOVERING THE FIRE IN, OR NEAR, A CLUB BUILDING:

- Shout '**FIRE, FIRE, FIRE**' and activate the fire alarm and inform other Club members of the fire's location.
- Do NOT attempt to extinguish the fire unless it is blocking someone's ONLY escape route. If petrol is involved, stay well away.
- Evacuate the building, making sure to check all rooms. Evacuation is to **the muster point which is between the race box and the compound fence**.
- Summon the fire services and other emergency services (as required) by **dialling 999**.
- If necessary, take steps to notify the crew of any boats still afloat of the danger that might be involved in coming ashore at the Club. Direct those coming ashore to an area of foreshore away from the fire.

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## BY THE PERSON DISCOVERING A FIRE ON BOARD A PATROL BOAT:

- Immediately stop the boat. Fight the fire if safe to do so, or evacuate the crew to the water. Get all of them to swim away from the boat, staying together.
- Call for help from any nearby vessel, or if possible, send a '**MAYDAY**' call using a handheld radio.

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## RACE OFFICER, OR SSOS LEAD, OR EVENT MANAGER:

- You must **abandon all sailing activities immediately** you become aware of the fire incident and make necessary communications to members on the water to return to the club as soon as possible.
- Sailing can only be resumed/re-started if agreed by the GPC member controlling the fire incident.
- In the event of a fire incident, **you control the muster point**, ensuring that members and other visitors present that day can account for their respective parties.
- If you are in charge of a particular group of trainees, get the group together and check that they are all accounted for. If they are on shore, take them to the muster point. Make sure no one is in a position likely to impede the emergency services.
- Once the situation is under control, report the situation/incident to the GPC member in overall charge as soon as possible.