

# **MACKAY MARINA VILLAGE CYCLONE PREPARATIONS**

## **1**

**A TROPICAL CYCLONE WATCH MESSAGE IS ANNOUNCED.**

**A TROPICAL CYCLONE IS APPROACHING OUR AREA AND IS NOT FORCAST TO ARRIVE IN OUR VICINITY FOR ATLEAST 48 HOURS.**

- Monitor the cyclone from weather forecasts
- Cyclone tracking charts & weather forecast will be available from the Marina office showing the position and progress of the cyclone
- Wherever possible, owners or nominated contact person of all vessels will be contacted and made aware that a tropical cyclone is predicted to be in our area within 48 hours.

## **2**

**A TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING IS GIVEN**

**THE TROPICAL CYCLONE IS PREDICTED TO THREATEN OUR LOCATION WITHIN 24 HOURS.**

- Wherever possible, Owners or a nominated contact person will be advised to attend their vessel and ensure that they are secured.

## **3.**

**THE TROPICAL CYCLONE IS ON A DIRECT COURSE**

- The latest advice can be obtained from the telephone warning service on 1300 659 212
- Marina patrons and guests are required to follow any official advice given by any Emergency Services personnel.
- If instructed to evacuate by Emergency Services personnel, ensure utilities are turned off – power, gas, water.
- Wear strong clothing to protect against cuts from debris. Wear strong footwear (not thongs) for protection.
- Be ready to move to higher ground or shelter facilities as directed by Police and Emergency Services personnel. High winds and flooded roads may be hazards during movement. Advice will be given through local TV, radio and other media. Police and State Emergency Services will also give verbal warnings
- When the cyclone hits, keep calm & stay indoors.
- Stay away from windows
- Protect yourself with mattresses pillows and blankets.
- Stay indoors until officially advised that the cyclone has passed. Beware of the eye. After the cyclone, listen to the radio. Don't stay in the open & don't go sightseeing.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SECURING VESSELS**

1. Mooring lines are to be doubled with secondary lines to alternative cleats. Do not run the secondary lines to the same cleats, as cleat failure will release the vessel from safe mooring. The secondary lines should be secured slightly slack to ensure that they are only required to work if the primary line fails. **Do not secure lines to piles, as they will jam in the rollers.** Ensure lines are of an adequate size to secure the vessel.
2. In extreme conditions vessels have a tendency to ride up onto the pontoons. Please ensure that the vessel is positioned in a manner that if the primary lines fail, that there is **not enough** slack on the secondary lines to allow the vessel to move on to the main or adjacent finger.
3. Ropes and other synthetic fibres such as polyethylene, polypropylene and polyester are all susceptible to U.V. damage from sunlight. **All** will deteriorate in some way over 1 – 3 years and cannot usually be noticed until the rope is placed under stress. The deterioration occurs very rapidly after U.V. damage commences.
4. **Do not use chain to secure the vessel.** Chain has no ability to stretch and will damage your vessel or the marina. Anchors may be lowered but ensure that there is enough slack out to compensate for the rise and fall of the swells & tide. Do not anchor over or onto walkways or piles.
5. Check boat cleats for integrity, generally ropes are stronger than these. If there is any uncertainty, secure a line to one of the main structural members. Eg Mast.
6. Reduce wind loading to a minimum. Remove clears, and all deck equipment i.e. lifebuoys, covers etc and store below. Remove all furled sails. If this cannot be done, double wrap them to prevent wind from opening them up.
7. Stow away all loose gear (buckets, fishing gear etc) below. Deflate & stow inflatable dinghies. Other dinghies should preferably be launched, cleaned out and secured on the inside of either the fuel pontoon, A marina or B marina. If left on the deck they should be cleaned out, bungs removed and securely lashed down, preferably overturned.
8. Ensure that all scuppers are clear and will stay clear
9. Shore power and water leads are to be disconnected.
10. Position spare fenders and lines
11. Confirm that all bilge pumps are working
12. Radio Communication should be checked on VHF channels 16 then 11.

**IT IS THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THEIR VESSEL IS ADEQUATELY SECURED**

**MARINA STAFF WILL ASSIST WHEREVER POSSIBLE  
IMPORTANT**

**YOUR SAFTY IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE AT ALL TIMES.**

**IN THE EVENT OF A CYCLONE, FLYING DEBRIS CAN BE LETHAL.**

**PERSONS WHOM ARE LIVING ABOARD VESSELS IN THE MARINA MUST COMPLY WITH DIRECTIONS FROM EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONEL IF DIRECTED.**

**BOATS CAN BE REPLACED LIVES CANNOT.**