



THE MACKAY MARINA VILLAGE TROPICAL CYCLONES

ISSUED BY MACKAY MARINA PTY LTD
THE OPERATOR OF MACKAY MARINA
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RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY

Masters and owners have an obligation under Transport Operations Marine Safety Act 1994 (S40) at all times to take appropriate precautions for the safety of their vessels, passengers and crew and nothing done by Marina management or staff at any time will impact on or over-ride the absolute responsibility of Masters and owners in that regard.

In cyclonic or other extreme weather conditions, the Regional Harbour Master may give directions in relation to vessels in the Small Craft Haven.

Subject to any directions given by the Regional Harbour Master the movement of vessels in and out of the Small Craft Haven is self managed. Management and staff will not interfere with that status.

Neither Marina management nor staff are empowered to direct or instruct Masters or owners of vessels or their passengers and/or crew in such a way that the legal obligations which Masters and owners have to their passengers and/or crew are interfered with or compromised in any way. No such directions or instructions will be given.

If they leave their vessel, all persons must then immediately comply with any directions given by Emergency Services personnel in the area.

THE REGIONAL HARBOUR MASTER

Contact may be made with the Regional Harbour Master by:

- (1) Telephone on 074944 3700; or
- (2) VHF Channels 16 and 13 call sign VTS Mackay ;

Listening watches may also be maintained by Mackay Air Sea Rescue on VHF Channels 16, 21, 67, 6, 11 HF Channels 2182 / 4125 and 2524 working channel

TO STAY OR LEAVE THE MARINA

When the design criteria for the Marina were being established, consideration was given to the likely range of weather conditions which might be experienced and the design work and later, construction was carried out so that the overall structures would withstand the expected loads while vessels are moored in the berths.

Notwithstanding the care which was taken in establishing design and construction criteria which were considered to be appropriate, no guarantee can be given that the structures are capable of maintaining their integrity in the complete range of cyclonic conditions which may occur in the Mackay area.

Under the circumstances, vessels are accepted into the Marina and are permitted to remain only on the strict understanding that the Masters or owners in charge of each of them will make the decision to exit the Marina or remain when a tropical cyclone or other extreme weather conditions are forecast and Mackay Marina Pty Ltd accepts absolutely no responsibility whatsoever for any consequence which results from such decision.

The Small Craft Haven is a place of shelter and cannot be guaranteed to be a place of safe haven.

TO STAY ON OR LEAVE THE VESSEL

While Marina management and staff will provide assistance to Masters and owners of vessels and people on vessels, including information in relation to weather forecasts and warnings they will provide no suggestions, recommendations or directions about whether persons should remain on board or leave vessels.

The decision to remain on board or leave vessels is entirely the responsibility of the Masters and owners or the persons themselves.