



General

We are now in the 2015 Hurricane Season (June -November of each year) and as such the Management of the Cayman Islands' Yacht Club ("CIYC") would like to take this opportunity to remind all users of the facilities of our Hurricane Policy (the "Policy") that will be followed in the event of a hurricane threat to the Cayman Islands .

This Policy applies to all persons including (but not limited to) boat owners, berth owners, commercial boat operators, tenants and CIYC staff etc. Every effort will be made to distribute this Policy to all relevant persons but it shall be their own responsibility to ensure that they have the current Policy and distribute it within their own organization(s).

For your convenience, the CIYC Marina will maintain and make available a copy of the Policy in the Harbour Master's Office. Alternatively an electronic version can be obtained by submitting an e-mail request to sheldon.reid@drcl.ky, kimberley.miller@drcl.ky or karl.noble@drcl.ky.

The objective of this Policy is to outline the priorities for the CIYC Marina in the event of any hurricane threat that could impact the CIYC facility.

The priorities are as follows:

1. Prevent any risk to the lives, health, or safety of all residents, workers, or visitors at the CIYC Marina during a hurricane and afterwards.
2. Minimize the risk to the CIYC Marina facilities and vessels docked at the CIYC Marina.
3. Restore normal operations as quickly as possible.

Cayman Islands Yacht Club Hurricane Team [CIYCHT]

The management team consists of the following personnel:

- Derek Haines Dart Enterprises - Team Chair
- Karl Noble CIML/ACL – Senior Manager Retail
- Sheldon Reid CIYCAM - Harbour Master
- Kimberley Miller DRCL - Property Manager

Emergency Services

- Police/Fire/Ambulance / Divers Decompression **911**
- Red Cross **949 6785**
- Command Post **949 5970**

Note: The private water parcel (Block 10A Parcel 31REM3) should in no way be considered a “hurricane hole” for the purpose of securing vessels during a hurricane.

All persons shall comply with directions from public authorities before, during, and after a hurricane with respect to evacuation, movement about the area and other public safety measures.

The CIYC assumes **NO** responsibility to prepare vessels for a hurricane. This is the sole responsibility of the vessel owners and occupiers who may make these preparations personally or arrange to have the work done for them. It is also the responsibility of these persons to ensure they hold the appropriate insurance for severe weather events. Vessel owners should also ensure that their insurance policies include the cost of salvage and wreck removal costs; cover to remain in Grand Cayman during the hurricane season; and cover for named storms or hurricanes.

All vessels must be removed from all CIYC docks at least **72 hours prior** to a named storm or hurricane making landfall or once the CIYCHT activates the Policy. Tenants will be notified using the telephone numbers and/ or email addresses provided on the Slip Agreement. A notice will also be placed on the Harbour Master’s Office bulletin board. Vessels that remain on CIYC property, or on the CIYC docks, within 72 hours of a named storm or hurricane that is projected to make landfall (or once the CIYC Management team activates the Policy) will be removed at owner’s expense and the owner releases the CIYC from any and all liability for any actions taken in order to remove any vessel within the 72 hour window.

Weather Monitoring

The weather is monitored daily by the CIYC Marina office via NOAA and other applicable websites to keep abreast of the tropical systems development/progression. This enables the CIYC Marina Management team to forewarn appropriate persons and take appropriate action themselves. The CIYC Marina team will attempt to ensure all boat owners, crews, building tenants etc. are given as much notice as possible of an approaching tropical system via our bulletin board. They will conduct a pre-storm risk assessment of the CIYC Marina and secure as much marina equipment as possible. Boat owners and occupiers shall be responsible for preparation of their vessel(s), apparatus and other equipment.

For the avoidance of doubt, the information provided by CIYC representatives or the CIYCHT is to be used as guidance only and no guarantee as to the accuracy of the information shall be expressed/implied. It is advised and recommended that each individual keep themselves adequately informed of the weather situation.

Boat Preparations

When preparing for a hurricane or named storm, it is the sole responsibility of the boat owner(s)/Captain/charterer/management company (as applicable) to ensure the vessel(s) is prepared and removed from the slip. The CIYC Marina accepts no liability or responsibility for any/all vessel(s)/equipment left on the dock or on or in the vicinity of CIYC property. If a vessel is to be left unattended it is strongly recommended that the vessel is under a Guardianage Contract enabling checks and preparations can be carried out in sufficient time. Such checks/preparations should include (but are not limited to):

- Removal of sails.
- Removal canvas, e.g. covers, dodgers, sail covers etc.
- Clearing items from the dock.
- Lower and/or secure boom – protect against damage to deck/dock.
- Ensure suitable numbers and types of lines, fenders etc. are in use. Where possible ensure spares are available (including the anchor).
- Anti-chaffing system on lines.
- Shock absorbing system on lines.
- Vessel should be able to move under its own propulsion. Owners that leave vessels unattended should ensure the designated guardianage company is aware of all preparations completed and any others that should be carried out prior to a storm/hurricane.
- General good condition of the vessel – engine, serviced firefighting and lifesaving equipment in working order and accessible, cockpit drains clear.
- Vessels must be left in a condition that will enable them to be moved. The CIYC Marina accepts no liability for damage to a vessel if circumstances dictate the vessel needs to be moved.
- Take photographs of the vessel (s) after preparations are complete. Photographs are a useful record following a named storm or hurricane.

NO-ONE is to remain on board a vessel during a Storm or Hurricane. The CIYC Marina can provide details of local shelters.

LEVEL 1
120 Hours

Boat Owners / tenants are advised to activate their individual hurricane plans and remove their vessels from the CIYC facility.

LEVEL 2
96 Hours

Should any boats remain; further communication will be sent to tenants for removal. ----- Owners should initiate and subsequently complete their personal removal strategy.

LEVEL 3
72 Hours

All preps for CIYC dock security completed. ----- All boats must be removed from docks. ----- Any remaining vessels will be removed at owners expense.

LEVEL 4
48 Hours

Hurricane Watch issued by NHC. ----- No activity at the CIYC is permitted.

LEVEL 5
24 Hours

Hurricane Warning issued by NHC. ----- CIYC officially closed until all clear is provided by NHC.

Please note that no two storms are alike and often the schedule in the above preparation timeline will not be applicable. Depending on the trajectory of the hurricane or the quick ascension from a tropical depression to a named storm; boat owners will need to stay connected and be ready to initiate action immediately. Please listen out for official notices and advisories when tropical activity has potential to threaten the Cayman Islands. For the avoidance of doubt, the information provided by the HMT representatives is to be used as guidance only and no guarantee as to the accuracy of the information shall be expressed/implied. It is advised and recommended that each individual keep themselves adequately informed of the weather situation.

Have a safe and enjoyable boating season!