

SMS 04 INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS

Bay of Plenty Trailer Yacht Squadron

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to ensure incidents and accidents are managed appropriately, conform to legislative and other obligations, and inform improvements to the BOPTYS SMS.

DEFINITION

An **incident** is defined as an event that leads to an accident or has the potential to lead to an accident.

An **accident** is an event that results in injury and/or death.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all incidents and/or accidents arising from our activities under the control of BOPTYS.

The focus is on harm to people, not damage or loss of property.

RESPONSIBILITIES

All club members are responsible for responding to incidents that are within their competence, or initiating responding agencies that can. Then communicating the details of the incident to either the Safety Officer or a club Committee member.

All club members are responsible for responding to on-water and off-water incidents.

The Safety Officer is responsible for overseeing the incident management process and reporting to the Committee.

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and analysing incidents to determine trends and any corrective actions needed.

PROCESS

1. Incidents must be reported to the Safety Officer, or another Committee member, as soon as possible after situation is made safe.
2. 'notifiable event' must be reported to Maritime NZ through a two-step process:
 - a. Verbally as soon as possible to either landline 0508 222 433
 - b. Online using [form](#) on Maritime NZ website.
3. Incidents must be recorded on BOPTYS SMS F1 Incident Report (unless already done so on Maritime NZ form).
4. Incidents, such as collisions resulting in damage to navigational aids, must be reported to the local harbourmaster. <https://www.boprc.govt.nz/do-it-online/report-a-maritime-accident-or-incident/>
5. Incident records will be stored in a folder in the BOPTYS management system (Vault).
6. Incidents will be investigated and reviewed to determine causes and any corrective actions needed. Changes, if warranted, will be made to the SMS and communicated to relevant persons.
7. The annual SMS review will take into account the incident history.

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