

BASSENTHWAITE SC – OOD SAFETY CARD

Use as a quick checklist before racing – no need to complete or submit

Quick checklist (60–90 seconds)

<p>1. Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wind ___ kts (gusts ___)• Visibility: good / reduced• Cold risk: low / med / high <p>👉 Marginal / gusty / changing?</p>	<p>4. Course / area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suitable for conditions• No major hazards (lee shore, wind shadow etc.)• Safety boats can cover area
<p>2. Sailors / boats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boats: ___• Juniors / inexperienced?• Training fleet?• High-performance boats?• Any vulnerable sailors? <p>👉 Adjust plan</p>	<p>5. Coordination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety contact today: _____• Crews briefed• Crews ready to launch• Radios agreed• Boats positioned
<p>3. Safety cover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appropriate for boats • experience • conditions • course• Normal: 2+ safety boats• 1 boat only if: low numbers + benign + capable sailors• Radios working <p>👉 IF NOT ADEQUATE → DO NOT START</p>	<p>6. During racing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor conditions• Watch for changes• Use safety boats proactively• Be ready to shorten / abandon

Decision

- Proceed
- Modify:
 - reduce fleets • shorten course • restrict area • other: ___
- **Postpone / abandon**

Key principles

- **Safety first**
- Match decision to conditions + sailors + safety cover
- If unsure → don't race (seek advice)

After racing

👉 Log only if conditions or decisions were unusual