

CYCLONE OUTLOOK – CONDITION GREEN

Operates routinely between 1 November to 30 April.

A state of normal vigilance operates between cyclone seasons. Early preparation by Marina Staff and vessel owners is vital to reducing the danger and impact of a cyclone.

NOTE: It is mandatory that vessel owners comply with the Marina's instructions to ready their vessels early. Marina staff will inspect vessel preparations regularly and communicate with owners to help bring them up to standard. Non-compliance will require the correction to be undertaken by the Marina at the vessel owners cost.

Your Preparations Include:

- ☐ Check Batteries – ensure they're charged because power will likely go off
 - ☐ Bilge – clean and clear hoses
 - ☐ Pumps & Switches – test
 - ☐ Doubled up Mooring lines
 - ☐ Clear drains in cockpit and on deck
 - ☐ Fill your fuel tanks
 - ☐ Fill your gas bottles
 - ☐ Check Mooring lines - Do you remember the last time you checked the condition of your mooring lines and have you additional ropes and fenders ready?
 - ☐ Audit your vessel at this point to understand what repairs, upgrades and replacements are necessary in order to prepare your vessel for severe weather?
- Systems check – ☐ Electrical ☐ Mechanical ☐ Bilge pumps ☐ Fire response equipment ☐ Communications.

Consider:

- ☐ What gear you need to buy?
- ☐ What maintenance you need to do?
- ☐ And what adjustments you're going to make?
- ☐ How will you reduce wind loadings?
- ☐ How will you secure loose gear?
- ☐ Where is your evacuation kit?
- ☐ Where are your spare ropes?
- ☐ How are you going to stop your vessel riding up on the pontoons?
- ☐ How many fenders are you going to put out?
- ☐ Is your tender going up on davits or staying in the water?
- ☐ How/Are you going to seal leaking windows?
- ☐ Do you have vehicles/motorbikes onsite? Where are they going to be stored?
- ☐ Have you got a leak that needs fixing, are the bilges working, is it time to replace mooring lines, how long will it take to drop tarps or secure sails and fasten loose items?
- ☐ Have you checked your insurance and provided the Marina with a copy?
- ☐ Have you doubled your mooring lines or at least got spares ready?
- ☐ How long will your batteries last without power and is there food or bait in your fridge/freezer?
- ☐ Have you assigned an alternate (ie. local) Emergency Contact who can attend to the boat in your absence and provided the contact details to the Marina.

Your Preparation as a local

At Breakwater, we understand our residents and local owners don't want to completely lock down their boats for the season – you want to be able to keep using them when you choose. If you are a resident or a local owner, we're asking that you start your Plan now; do your vessel audit now so you can plan what, how and when you're going to address your cyclone preparations.

Remember, cyclones rarely hit when it's convenient so working progressively through a plan is the best approach to avoid a frantic and last-minute effort to prepare your boat for destructive winds, torrential rain and surging seas. Keep this on as a guide or to pass onto your authorised contact if you cannot attend your vessel.

A CYCLONE WATCH – CONDITION YELLOW

Indicates an intensifying risk of a cyclone or associated weather storm, impacting the Townsville region.
If you intend on taking your boat out of the Marina, you must do it now before conditions become too unsafe to do so.

If the Vessel is staying in the Marina, your preparations Include:

- ☐ Check and double up mooring lines
- ☐ Reduce all wind loadings, remove everything from deck.
- ☐ Deflate and stow inflatable dinghy
- ☐ Prepare to disconnect all shore power, telephone cables and hoses
- ☐ Ready spare fenders and lines
- ☐ Check batteries, bilges, pumps and switches
- ☐ Radio check with Marina office
- ☐ Vessels on airdocks must be lowered into the water
- ☐ Finalise your Evacuation Plan, ready your emergency kit, fuel up your car.

A CYCLONE WARNING – CONDITION BLUE

Indicates an intensifying risk of a cyclone or associated weather storm, impacting on Townsville within 24 hours. Based on advice from BOM, VTS and the Disaster Management group on the timing, intensity and location of the cyclone making landfall, the Marina may issue notices to all tenants of the likelihood of a **mandatory evacuation**.

Voluntary Evacuation Notice – BEST TIME TO GO

The Voluntary Evacuation Notice will be issued from the Disaster District Coordinator if there is a threat developing. This makes people aware they are in a potential danger area and allows them sufficient time to safely leave and seek refuge. Typically, a cyclone is still some way off the coast and is tracking towards the Townsville Region at a speed and intensity that would bring damaging winds and a storm surge. Because the cyclone is still distant, but intensifying, there is the possibility it may change direction or strengthen, but the recommendation is to evacuate early in conditions that are still safe to do so. This is particularly important for customers who are aged, alone, have poor health or have poor mobility. Don't forget to take your emergency kit when you evacuate.

Your Preparations Include:

- ☐ Finalise all your vessel and personal preparation and prepare to evacuate
- ☐ Monitor TV, Radio, VHF for regular cyclone updates
- ☐ Be ready for shore power to go off.
- ☐ Prepare to disconnect your appliances, shut down sensitive electronic equipment and disconnect hoses.
- ☐ Remove food and other perishables like bait from fridges/freezers.
- ☐ The Regional Harbourmaster will order a "Cease All Vessel Movements" notice, taking your boat out of the Marina is no longer an option.

A CYCLONE WARNING – CONDITION RED

Declared when a cyclone strike is imminent or the onset of extreme weather conditions associated with a high intensity cyclone.

This is not the time to be starting your vessel and evacuation preparations – it's too late for that.

If the Disaster Management Coordinator issues the instruction to evacuate high risk areas like Breakwater Marina, it's time to go.

Mandatory Evacuation Notice – YOU WILL GO

The Disaster District Coordinator will issue a mandatory evacuation notice when there is a definitive threat to life. All people in the areas defined in the mandatory evacuation notice must follow given directions. The Disaster District Coordinator has the power to enforce the notice. This power may be delegated to authorised officers in the field who will conduct the evacuation.

Do not ignore this advice - the decision to issue an evacuation notice is not taken lightly

Your Final Preparations Include:

- ☐ Advise the Marina office of your intentions
- ☐ No vessel is to leave the Marina to seek alternative shelter at this stage
- ☐ Keep vigilant and monitor TV, Radio and VHF for cyclone updates
- ☐ Inform Marina office of any dangerous situations arising

Breakwater Marina Staff will:

- Turn off all Power to the Piers
- Remove all electrical leads from pedestals
- Shut off all Potable Water
- Ensure all tenants have evacuated the Marina

THIS WARNING STAGE IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION

& ALL DUTY OF CARE IS PARAMOUNT. BE AWARE THAT THERE WILL BE NO POWER, NO WATER AND NO FUEL SUPPLIED. NO TENANTS ARE TO REMAIN IN THE MARINA ON VESSELS. THE MANDATORY EVACUATION NOTICE WILL BE ENFORCED.

After the Event, Vessel Owners are reminded to:

- ☐ Check with Marina office if you are allowed onsite
- ☐ Inform Marina office of your status, your vessel status & report any incidents or damage
- ☐ Check vessel for any damage – take photos for insurance documentation
- ☐ Do not reconnect to power until ALL CLEAR given by Marina Management.

⚡ **When Shore Power is switched back on it can trip as a consequence of the heavy rain and surges – keep an eye on it and report any problems.** ⚡