

Good Morning Team Bravo.

This is just further information , in addition to the information you should have received a few days ago.

You will all know your roles etc on the course. There has been a couple of changes with people who are not able to do the full event.

Signal: Grant Currie not coming. We may have an American man, who is a doctor and a Moth sailor. This is still to be confirmed.

Pin Vessel: Paul, you will have Toby for the Oceania event and then Kim Admore for the Worlds.

Safety Vessels:

Bravo Safety 8: Wayne Avery, Steve Lawrence, Josh Bull

Bravo Safety 9: Russell Coutts, Own crew

Bravo Safety 11: Jeff Fyfe, Matt Rist, Mike Drummond, John O'Brien, Ewan Brazle

Bravo Safety 12: Paul Wotton, Brad Tepstra, Cameron Jones

Bravo Safety 13: Rory Stretch, Michael Botica, James Jennings.

Bravo Safety 14: Unknown at this stage.

Team Bravo will be working off VHF Channel 66.

As most of you will know the Oceania Championship is a pre-event before the Worlds. This will be a learning event , for us, to make sure all our procedures will be worked out before the Worlds. Modifications may be needed, your input is valuable.

On the 28th December at 1400 to 1500 there will be a briefing for Mark Roundings and Finishers. This will be at the Venue Race Office. I know some of my crew can't make it but Linda and myself will take notes. All Mark Vessels and Pin Vessel should be there. If not please let me know a.s.a.p.

On 28th December 1500 to 1700 Safety Vessel Briefing in Tent 1. Mark Vessels, please attend this also if you can.

December 29th and 30th there is nothing Team Bravo to do except for myself and how I will be setting up the Signal Boat, once it arrives. If anyone is free and would like to help please give me a call (0274947531).

I sent you all a time line the other day, but I have done this one as a reminder:

From Wednesday January 1st onwards:

0815 Management Meeting (Myself JP, Harold etc)

0845 Alpha and Bravo RM Meetings: Tent Boat Park 1

0915 Safety Boat Briefing Ian Neely Tent Boat Park 1

1000 Collect Lunches Garage next door to Sign on/Sign Off

1015 Signal Vessel leaves for course area

1100 All RM Vessels to leave for course areas, Call "Bridge" when leaving beach.
Setup Courses

1145 Latest time to display D ashore if starting on time.

1228 Display Orange

1230 First Warning Signal

We are scheduled to have four back to back races.

If anyone has any issues at the end of the day, could you please track me down so they can be discussed and if needed rectified for the next day.

Mark vessels, we will use Buoy Zone to help lay the gate marks. I will endeavour to keep MOTHBRAVO as an active course so you can have a look at it. (Have your profile set with Manly Sailing Club as the host club.) The Moth course is not a standard course so we cannot have the signal vessel in the correct place relative to the gate AND have a starting line the right length. Therefore, start pin please can you set the starting line with a GPS. We can either give you our Lat/Long or you can come and "Ping" our position. Unless we are informed otherwise, I intend the length of the starting line to be 320m. Start Pin please take the initial responsibility to have the starting line square to the wind. We will of course discuss what that is on the day. We think the starting line angle will be critical to starting so we need to take the utmost care to get it right. That is a responsibility of all of us so regular wind readings every 5 minutes in the hour before the starting signal is essential, and during the day, when we are not busy with mark roundings. Mark 1 once you are done with mark rounding starting the wind readings again will not only be helpful but essential to us being able to start again promptly particularly if we must move everything.

Start pin, after the start, please up anchor and come closer to the 2s gate to record boats rounding that mark. Mark 2 please concentrate on roundings at 2p. The signal vessel will attempt to do both marks, but we think that is problematic and we will miss some whereas concentrating on one mark should give a much more reliable list of who has done the first lap. Once we think everyone has rounded once, Start Pin please concentrate on the next start and getting yourself in the correct place.

Mark 1, please would you announce over the VHF the first three passing through your gate for the first time and again the second time if it is obvious that these are the leaders. Not only will this be useful for us, it will also be good for the coaches and other hangers on.

Mark 2, please also complete a finish list even though you will not be able to be on an extension of the finish line, an approximate order is better than no order! Your rounding list will be very important to the signal boat, as I have been informed that roundings may be difficult from the vessel. I will be looking at this prior to the start of the event.

Signal vessel crew: getting the results correct is essential. We will discuss together how we think we can best do that and no doubt we will hone our procedures as time goes on. We will also allocate the other tasks when we go on the water.

Start pin. We will use Egor's "Voice Sail Start Timer" app on the starting vessel. We are confident that Apple phones recently connected to the internet will have time well synchronised. Do any of the three of you have an apple phone? We think that using the app on your vessel will be the most accurate way of your having the same version of time that we do on the signal vessel. If you all have android phones we will need to do a test to see if we are close enough. Filming the start as part of your oral commentary would be good to.

Safety vessels, we will discuss more how we interreact at the safety briefing. However, as part of the team please feedback to us anything that you think will be useful for us to know about the racing. Moths go a long way quickly, so we don't see everything that goes on particularly on the extremities of the race area. Please keep us informed of anything you think may be helpful as well as any boats that withdraw or have issues. Communication is the key.

Thanks to John and Linda for allowing me to use parts of their team letter, so we are all 'on the same page'.

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