

**BYC Storm / Hurricane
Members Communications Plan
8/2023**

In the event of a pending strong storm or hurricane, BYC will attempt to issue storm warnings. Given the unpredictability of the weather, BYC cannot guarantee that we will always be able to issue these warnings. Always keep your eye on the weather.

The timing of these warnings will depend on the available weather forecast information. The Chief Steward will make the decision of when and which warnings will be issued.

The warnings also include the members responsibilities for each type of warning. Please review the warnings and be ready to act if necessary

Level 1: BYC Storm/Hurricane Watch - (Early Warning / Head's-Up)

There is a storm or hurricane that could be headed for Bristol.

- **Expected Impacts:** It is too early to predict the possible impacts of this storm. Members should be aware and keep an eye on the weather.

What actions should members take:

- Follow any directions of the Chief Steward.
- Watch local and nation weather forecasts for more detailed information.
- Make sure that your boat is securely moored and that the ground tackle has been inspected and is in good condition. (Check with your mooring contractor well ahead of time)
- Have a plan to remove all boats tied to BYC docks on further notice. No boats are allowed to be tied to BYC docks during a storm.
- Have a plan to remove your boats, dinghies, kayaks, paddle boards, wind surfers and other stuff from the club property on further notice. BYC needs the space for the club/EBSF boats as well as the floats.
- BYC staff will not have any time to attend to members boats, they are your responsibility.
- Be prepared to move your car off club property.
- Be prepared to assist the club if we need to secure the house, haul the launches & committee boat, pull the floats, and secure the EBSF boats.

Level 2: BYC Strong Storm Warning - (Take Action)

A strong storm is likely to hit the Bristol area and effect BYC.

Expected Impacts - Strong Winds, High Waves, Heavy Rain, Storm Surge

What actions should members take:

- Follow any directions of the Chief Steward
- Watch local and nation weather forecasts for more detailed information.
- Secure your boat for a strong storm.
- Immediately remove all boats that are tied to BYC docks.
- Secure or remove your dinghy, dolly boats, kayaks, etc.
- Be ready to remove all boats from BYC property on further notice.
- Be prepared to assist the club if we need to secure the house, haul the launches & committee boat, pull the floats, and secure the EBSF boats.

Level 3: BYC Major Storm / Hurricane Warning - (Take Action)

A major storm and or hurricane is likely to hit the Bristol area in the short term.

Expected Impacts – Very High Winds Very High Waves, Heavy Rain, High Storm Surge

What actions should members take:

- Follow any directions of the Chief Steward
- Watch local and nation weather forecasts for more detailed information.
- Secure your boat for a major storm and or hurricane.
- Immediately remove all boats from BYC docks.
- Immediately remove your trailer boats, dinghy, dolly boats, kayaks, etc. from BYC property.
- Immediately remove your car from club property. We will need all the space for BYC boats and Floats.
- Be prepared to assist the club if we need to secure the house, haul the launches & committee boat, pull the floats, and secure the EBSF boats.
- We try to haul the floats a **minimum** of 24 hours before a storm hits.
- Be aware that you must take these actions early. Once a decision is made to pull BYC/EBSF boats (20+) and floats (41+) you may not have access to the club property or the boat ramp. Please park on the road and walk in.

Level 4: BYC Major Storm / Hurricane Imminent - (All Hands-on Deck)

A major storm and or hurricane is imminent. BYC is or will be shut down.

Expected Impacts – Very High Winds Very High Waves, Heavy Rain, High Storm Surge

What actions should members take:

- Follow any directions of the Chief Steward
- Watch local and nation weather forecasts for more detailed information.
- BYC dock is or will be closed.
- All boats should be off BYC property.
- It is most likely that BYC and EBSF (20+) boats will be hauled.
- It is most likely that the floats (41+) will be hauled.
- Be prepared to assist the club if we need to secure the house, haul the launches & committee boat, pull the floats, and secure the EBSF boats.
- During the float hauling and boat hauling you will not have access to the club property or the boat ramp.
- If you must come to the club, please park on the road, and walk in.