

Safety Brief for all LPAC Competitions

During Competition VHF Radio must be carried

VHF radios must be carried in all boats. Spot checks will be completed by committee during weigh in times. At all times competitors are required to adhere to Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) boating regulations and Tas Maritime Radio VHF Radio operating procedures.

<https://mast.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/VHF-Brochure-2025.pdf>

During the competition LPAC members and Tas Maritime Radio Hobart monitor the marine VHF radio frequency for all on water communications.

VHF CH 77 will be the club event channel during competitions at Lake Pedder.

We recommend, setting your radio to scan both calling CH 16 and working CH 77 frequencies. Lake Pedder is very mountainous, it restricts radio frequency to line of sight so remember to move to another location until you are heard.

If you hear someone calling for help, you must answer them using your boat radio as they may not be reaching Tas Maritime Radio Hobart or another fisherman on the lake. It is important to relay the details of the assistance required to coast radio who will control the emergency or assistance required.

All distress, urgency and safety calls must be acknowledged and relayed if required on channel VHF CH 16

See link below for further information from MAST re Marine Radio Communications.

<https://mast.tas.gov.au/safe-boating/vhf-radio-vhf-network/radio-operating-procedures/>

Beware of Hazards on Lake

Known hazards are marked with a buoy around the lake, be sure to give these locations a wide berth. The lake has many hidden obstacles submerged under water and **if you are unfamiliar with this lake, please use extreme caution when using high speed.** Members have hit quartz rock in the middle of large bays causing damage to outboards and boats, it is strongly advised until you know the lake well to travel slowly.

Give a wide berth when travelling past boats that are fishing and with lines well out behind.

Jetty Hazards

For competitor safety no boats will be allowed to be tied up to the public jetty in Strathgordon Bay. Boats tied to the jetty result in congestion at the boat ramp and great difficulty for older fisherman and people with disabilities when getting in and out of boats from the jetty.

During club events no boat is to be tied up to the public jetty in Strathgordon Bay. The committee and members will instruct owners to remove boats that have been tied up and left at the public jetty.

Boat Preparation

Ensure you have prepared your boat and checked that it is safe before heading out on the lake. Obey MAST rules at all times when on the lake.

You can refresh your trip preparation and safety checklists on the Mast website:

<https://mast.tas.gov.au/safe-boating/trip-preparation/>

<https://mast.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Boat-and-Gear-Check-List-01.pdf>