



Cyclone Information for Boat Owners



Register for electronic "Notices to Mariners" via the [Maritime Safety website](#).

Secure your trailer boat by taking the following action:

- Remove the outboard, safety equipment, radios, sounders, bimini covers and any other valuable items that may be blown away or damaged.
- Remove the boat from the trailer, placing it on the ground facing the direction the wind will come from, and lash it with 24mm rope or chains to ground anchors or the most secure object available. Place the boat away from trees or objects that may fall on it.
- Half fill the boat with water, except for stern drive or inboard motored boats.
- If you can't remove the boat from the trailer, turn the boat to face the wind, let the air partially out of the tyres and place wooden blocks between the frame member and the axle inside each wheel. Lash it with 24mm rope or chains to ground anchors or the most secure object available.
- Filling a boat on a trailer with water may break your trailer springs. Axle wedges should be forced into the springs to distribute the additional weight on the axle.

If your boat is in the water:

- Contact your local coastguard to find out where the designated safe anchorages are in your area.
- Ensure your boat can reach safe anchorage, remembering tides may be higher than normal.

If your boat is moored:

- Double all ties.
- Make ties high on pylons to allow for rising waters.
- Cover all tie lines at contact points with rubber or other materials to prevent chafing.
- Install fenders to protect the boat from rubbing against the dock or mooring.
- Be sure batteries are sufficient to run bilge pumps throughout the storm.
- Put duct tape on windows and hatches.
- Insert plugs in engine ports.
- Strip bimini tops, sails or any other object that could blow away.
- Disconnect shore power.
- Close fuel valves and cockpit seacocks.

For all enquiries contact the Cook Shire Local Disaster Management Group on 4069 5444