



## BELMONT 16FT SAILING CLUB SAILING RISK WARNING

This Risk Warning is issued by Belmont 16ft Sailing Club, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities (including *Learn to Sail* courses) conducted by Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels maybe lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- The possible presence of dangerous marine life.

Participants are advised that Lake Macquarie is a salt water coastal lake with deep water access to the open ocean. Sharks, dolphins and other marine animals are present in the Lake. Participants should make their own assessment of any risks.

Belmont 16ft Sailing Club warns participants that regardless of the Club's best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.

Boat owners are also advised that although Belmont 16ft Sailing Club has a public liability insurance policy, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Boat owners must have their own insurance to cover their property with minimum cover of \$10m for public liability.