

## **MHYC Flare Practice on the Beach – November 16th Meeting**

What better time to learn how these essential safety items work – much better than in the middle of the night during some disaster!

As usual we will notify all authorities and the plan is (weather and fire bans permitting) to hold the practice on the beach prior to the meeting.

The Cruising Division will be hosting flare practice on Monday evening November 16<sup>th</sup>. Commencing at 8:00 pm immediately after the Cruising Division meeting concludes. Bring your own flares and let them off on the beach in front of the Clubhouse.



**Gloves, long sleeves/trousers and eye protection are recommended.**

**NO PARACHUTE ROCKETS ARE PERMITTED**

These are a fire hazard to our neighbours.

We recommend in-date flares. If you must bring old (out-of-date) flares then you do so at your own risk – and please check them carefully for signs of damage or deterioration prior to igniting them. **Definitely no flares over 10 years of age.**

This exercise is highly recommended for all skippers and crew members who have never ignited a flare in an emergency. Flares are an essential (and required) safety feature on all boats and, if you really need them then best not to be fumbling around trying to read their instructions at the time (In the dark? Can't find your glasses? Crew are panicking?) Learn how to use them safely and effectively in a controlled situation.