Tasmanian air adventures

JOINT RIVER USERS FACT SHEET

- A seaplane on the water is also considered a vessel under Rule 18 (e) of the 'International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea' and as such, falls within the jurisdiction of MAST.
- A seaplane in the air falls within the jurisdiction of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.
- Seaplanes will only operate during daylight hours.
- Seaplanes will generally takeoff and land into wind. As such, no permanent takeoff and 'landing strips' are nominated but rather 'landing areas'. TAA will typically operate North of Sullivans Cove and South of the Tasman Bridge.
- Prior to takeoff the pilot will water taxy to an area that is suitably clear of all river traffic. 'Suitably clear' is defined by CASA as an area which is 60m horizontal and 100ft vertically from any marine vessels which are stationary or underway. Figure 1 and 2 below depict these minimums. TAA will endeavour to not operate to these minimums but, where possible, will apply greater separation to all vessels. TAA will endeavour to not directly overfly vessels below 500ft.
- TAA will utilise race calendars from DSS, RYCT and BYC to inform their operations such that pilots are aware of race times and locations. The Seaplane will avoid active portions of race courses in order not to interfere with participants. Additionally, pilots will monitor CH12 Port Control on entry and exit to Sullivans Cove and will make an 'all vessels' call prior to takeoff and again prior to landing.
- Seaplanes will generally conduct a left hand orbit prior to landing in order to identify a suitable landing area.

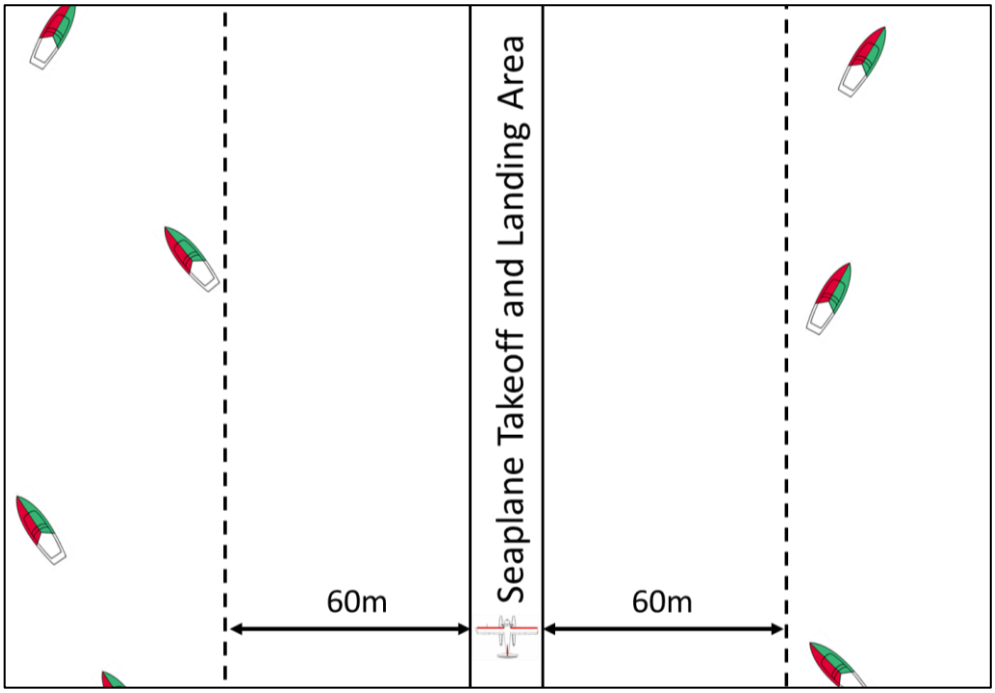

Figure 1 – 60m lateral separation from vessels

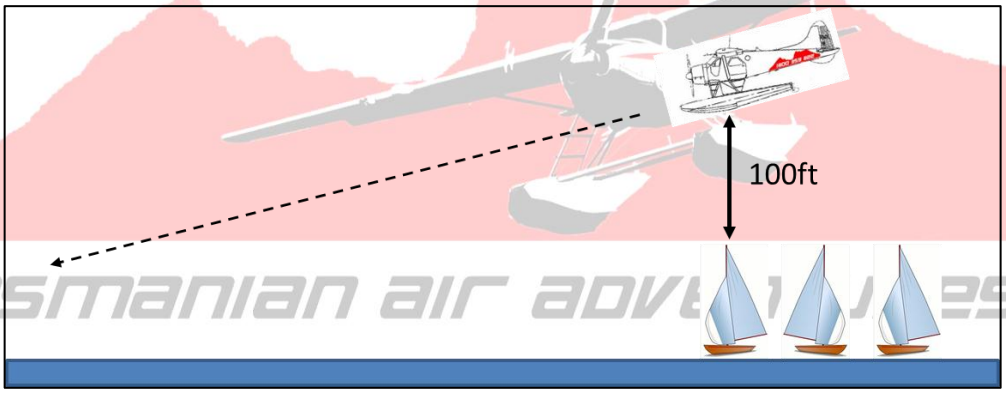

Figure 2 – 100ft Vertical Separation

- TAA are committed to working with the local boating community to ensure safe and efficient operations are achieved for all personnel. TAA welcomes feedback from Joint River Users that contribute to the achievement of this goal.

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