

BEAUFORT SCALE REFERENCE

# SAILING SAFETY CHART

VESSEL CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

FORCE	KNOTS	CLASSIFICATION	SEA STATE	SAILING ACTION
0-1	0 - 3	CALM	Mirror-like / Ripples	Drifting / Engine on
2	4 - 6	LIGHT BREEZE	Small wavelets	Full sail / Ideal for beginners
3	7 - 10	GENTLE BREEZE	Large wavelets	Full sail / Good heel
4	11 - 16	MOD. BREEZE	Small waves, white horses	Fast sailing / Consider 1st reef
5	17 - 21	FRESH BREEZE	Moderate waves, spray	Reef main / Reduce jib
6	22 - 27	STRONG BREEZE	Large waves, foam crests	Heavy reefing / Experienced only
7	28 - 33	NEAR GALE	Sea heaps up, spindrift	Storm sails / Seek shelter
8+	34+	GALE / STORM	High waves, rolling seas	Survival tactics / Port only

**Standard Safety Reminder:** Always check local weather forecasts and tide tables before departure. Ensure all crew are briefed on MOB procedures and wearing life jackets when Wind Force exceeds 4 or in heavy seas.