

**OBTAINING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
FOR YA SPECIAL REGULATIONS CAT 1 & 2 SAFETY
REQUIREMENTS IN QLD**

1. YA Special Regulation No. 4 (2005 – 2009) requires yachts competing in Cat. 1 & 2 events to carry specified prescription drugs. Recently YQ has received enquiries about how to obtain these drugs.
2. The required drugs can be obtained under QLD law using the provisions of the **Health Act 1937** and its subsidiary **Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996**. The regulations allow the issue and use of controlled and restricted drugs on boats in QLD. Copies of the applicable sections of the Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996 are attached these are Sections 69 (2) (controlled drugs), 178 (2) (restricted drugs) and 264A (use of the drugs).
3. The key requirements are:
 - A purchase order must be signed by a Doctor,
 - The drugs are only for use on the boat, and
 - The drugs must be appropriately secured when on board.
4. Further information or assistance is available from:
 - QLD Health Environmental Health Unit on 3234 0938; or
 - Manly Village Pharmacy on 3396 8999 who are familiar with the issue process.
5. Issued by the YQ Offshore and Safety Committee.



Health Act 1937

Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996

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69 Ship's master

(1) The master of a ship in the State is authorised to obtain a **controlled drug** [emphasis added] for use on the ship, or possess a controlled drug on the ship, to the extent necessary to comply with the *Navigation Act 1912* (Cwlth) or the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994*.

(2) Otherwise, the master of a ship in the State is authorised to obtain, possess or administer a controlled drug, only if—

(a) for obtaining a controlled drug—

(i) **the purchase order for the drug is signed by a doctor** [emphasis added]; and

(ii) **the drug is obtained for use on the ship** [emphasis added]; or

(b) for possessing a controlled drug—the drug is possessed for use on the ship; or

(c) for administering a controlled drug—the drug is administered on the ship—

(i) for the treatment of a person in an emergency; and

(ii) on a doctor's oral or written instruction.

178 Ship's master

(1) The master of a ship in the State is authorised to obtain a **restricted drug** [emphasis added] for use on the ship, or possess a restricted drug on the ship, to the extent necessary to comply with the *Navigation Act 1912* (Cwlth) or the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994*.

(2) Otherwise, the master of a ship in the State is authorised to obtain, possess or administer a restricted drug, only if—

(a) for obtaining a restricted drug—

(i) **the purchase order for the drug is signed by a doctor**; and

(ii) **the drug is obtained for use on the ship**; or

(b) for possessing a restricted drug—the drug is possessed for use on the ship; or

(c) for administering a restricted drug—the drug is administered on the ship—

(i) for the treatment of a person in an emergency; and

(ii) on a doctor's oral or written instruction.

264A Ship's master

Subject to section 270(2),⁵³ the master of a ship in the State is authorised to administer an S2 or S3 poison on the ship for the treatment of a person in an emergency.