Planning a Fitness Programme Cheat Sheet

Decide how fit you need to be

Once you have an idea what your <u>sailing goals</u> are, you will know how fit you need to be.
You could use the <u>Tamug Fitness Test</u> as a guide (see the 2nd page for the points listing) – set the number of points you think you'd need to achieve to be one the top 10 fittest sailors in the fleet you want to do well in.

Decide which Event(s) you want to be at peak fitness for

- This will give you a time-frame to work within

Do a Fitness Test (and set dates and reminders for fitness tests every 4 to 6 weeks)
There are a couple of basic fitness tests <u>here</u>

Decide on a Foundation Program

- This should be at least 4 weeks, and preferably 3 months if you have enough time before your target event

- There's an excellent 4-week program here

Decide on a your Strength Program (to follow your Foundation Program)

- Mix aerobic and anaerobic exercise
- Do some jogging, cycling or swimming, along with some good strength training exercises
- Consider Options for your Speed and Skill Program (to follow your Strength Program)

- This should be at least 4 weeks, but preferably 2 months if you have enough time before your target event

- There are several good sailing-specific programs here

 Make notes (to be added to as you progress through the above programs) on what exercises you'd enjoy for your Maintenance Program

- Your maintenance program should include plenty of exercises you enjoy doing so that you don't lose motivation