

# SAFETY PROCEDURES

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# Communications

- All Communications should be made in English on VHF Channel 72.
- Alert the Race Committee (RC) immediately – first call. RC then will respond and assist.
- Information – “Boat Name, Position on Race Area, Type of Incident, Injured / Person or not, Level of damage.”
- Do not use name of Injured Person(s) (IP). Use “IP” ....
- If you hear an incident reported - Keep the VHF channel free from unnecessary chat!

# Incidents

## Incident Type

- Technical / Collision
- Man Overboard
- Human injury
- Capsizing
- Capsizing with crew trapped, with or without injured person

No Media boats are allowed near the Boat whilst an incident is being responded to.

# Technical Incident

- Boat or Team Support Boat call RC on the designated VHF Channel
- The RC assists with coordinating resources, as required.
- The RC considers the Abandonment of the race depending on location, nature of the incident.
- Does the boat need help or not?
  - If help is needed, the Course Safety RIB(s) can assist.
  - If not, the Teams' Support Boat will manage the problem alone. At the end of the incident the Boat or the Teams' Support Boat should inform the RC.

# Man Overboard

- Boat, Umpire or Team Support Boat call RC on the designated **VHF channel** "Man Overboard" 3x times, then with details. E.g. Boat name, After the first rounding mark "X", 20-30 meters from boat "X".
- The RC may consider the Abandonment of the race: depending on location & nature of the incident.
- Umpire RIBs, Course Safety Leader(s) or the closest Team Support RIB available then picks up the MOB.
- Boat or rescuing RIB shall call the RC to confirm MOB is recovered.
- Team Support RIB or Boat collects the MOB and repatriates MOB to their Boat.
- If there is an injury, see "Human Injury".

# Human Injury (1)

- Boat or Team Support RIB shall call the RC using the designated VHF channel.
- Course Safety Leader(s) and the Team Support RIB should respond and protect the Boat by creating safety zone in the vicinity of Boat.
- The RC may consider the Abandonment of the race: depending on location, nature of the incident.
- Quick and specific appraisal provided to the RC using the designated VHF channel as soon as practical.

# Human Injury (2)

2 possible scenarios:

Course Safety Leader not involved: the crew member doesn't need any additional medical help. Transfer on the Team Support Boat ashore, as required.

Course Safety Leader involved: Additional medical help is required. Transfer ashore, as required. RC coordinates injury response with shore team.

# Capsizing

- Boat, Umpire or the Team Support RIB shall call the RC using the designated VHF channel.
- Course Safety Leader(s) and the Team Support RIB should respond and then protect Boat by creating safety zone in the vicinity of Boat.
- The RC may consider the Abandonment of the race: depending on location, nature of the incident.
- Quick and specific appraisal provided to the RC using the designated the VHF channel, as soon as practical.
- A separate designated VHF channel can be used to coordinate recovery.



# Capsizing with crew trapped/injured (1)

- Boat, Umpire or the Team Support RIB shall call the RC using the designated VHF channel.
- Course Safety Leader(s) and the Team Support RIB should respond and then protect Boat by creating safety zone in the vicinity of Boat.
- Course Safety Leader Diver or Team Diver responds.
- The RC may consider the Abandonment of the race: depending on location, nature of the incident.
- Quick and specific appraisal provided to the RC using the designated VHF channel, as soon as practical.
  - How many people?
  - Guest or Crew?
  - A diver in action?

# Capsizing with crew trapped/injured (2)

- If there is an injury, see “Human Injury”.
- RC coordinates further resources and actions, as appropriate.

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## Types of Injuries.

- Priority One – Life-threatening injuries. Call for help, create a free airway, stop bleeding, start CPR.
- Priority Two – Need immediate care.
- Priority Three - Able to wait for help after the race is finished.

# Visual Hand Signals to be used

- OK



- HELP

