

2018 Southwest Florida Regattas

REGATTA SAFETY PLAN

1. INTRODUCTION

.1 Orientation. See the attached “Emergency Procedures” document. This Regatta Safety Plan will be in effect for all Regatta on-the-water activity when the Race Committee is present –

Including transit to/from the Racing Area.

Racing will take place on the Gulf of Mexico.

The location of each regatta will be described in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions relating to specific events.

Virtually all skippers and crews are familiar with the SW FL Race Area venues, so no detailed description is provided here. However;

.2 Self-Help. The primary responsibility in the event of an emergency is with the boat involved and its crew. If a boat is, will be or has just been competing in a race at the time, and the crew determines that no outside assistance is required, they should notify the Race Committee (RC) on the VHF Channel provided in the Sailing Instructions. If an EMS unit response is advisable, they should so request with the RC who will arrange and notify the destination marine facility. The boat and crew should then proceed to shore on their own, but continue to monitor the RC VHF Channel.

Contact authorities on VHF 16.

The RC is prepared to handle all shore-related communication, and will keep the affected boat informed.

However, nothing herein prevents a boat from issuing a “Mayday,” “Pan-Pan-Pan,” or “Securite” call on VHF 16, or place a 9-1-1 call. The crew should advise the RC on the RC VHF channel as well, and the RC will render assistance as required.

.3 Rendering Assistance

RRS 41 limits the outside assistance a competing boat can receive without having to withdraw or face disqualification. Consequently, once a responding boat determines that assistance is likely required and that it is safe to approach a boat involved in the emergency, the responding boat should obtain permission to assist. The “Good Samaritan” Law covers any aid or assistance that is provided by crew of the boat involved or by a boat responding to the situation. According to the provisions therein, before any attempt is made to render aid, consent from the injured person must be obtained. Under the Law, consent of an unconscious person is “implied.”

For any boat bringing an injured person to shore, the transfer point to meet an EMS unit will be determined and advised by the authorities, unless otherwise directed by the 911 Operator.

2. EMERGENCY RESPONSE

2.1 Responding Boats. Any boat in the vicinity of an emergency situation is expected to respond. Refer to RRS 1.1. These boats would most likely be:

- ⑩ The Affected Boat’s own, or a Competitor Coach or Support Boat
- ⑩ RC Safety Boat (the Gate Boat)
- ⑩ Other RC Boats

Since some teams have a Coach or Support Boat in the vicinity of the race course, a Support Boats may be in the best position to respond should outside assistance be necessary.

The RC will may have a designated Safety Boat, with personnel onboard having current CPR/1st Aid Certification and higher level Certifications. That boat will be the lead Race Committee boat to respond should outside assistance be necessary, However; any Race Committee boat can render assistance.

2.2 Serious/Life Threatening Situations. Under these conditions, everything stops on the competing boat(s) or other boat(s) involved. The affected boat calls the RC on the RC VHF Channel, and the RC will direct the response. The US Coast Guard will be called, and transfer to a USCG boat or helicopter evacuation is expected.

That said, if the RC Safety Boat personnel described above can provide assistance, they would be transferred (if practical) onto the boat involved and assist (with consent – see above) at least until transfer of the injured to the USCG vessel or helicopter.

2.3 Non-Life Threatening Situations. Under these conditions, contact the RC on their VHF Channel. The RC will direct the response, including calling 911 and advising the on-shore destination facility. One of the following will likely result:

- a)** The boat(s) involved proceed on their own to a medical facility or other rendezvous point to be determined. That boat may or may not request further assistance from the Race Committee, which could involve placing a CPR/1st Aid Certified and higher Race Committee member onboard the boat enroute to a medical facility or the rendezvous point (if conditions permit, and with consent of the injured – again, see above).
- b)** The boat(s) involved could offload the injured onto the Support Boat and proceed as above. They may or may not also take on board a RC member with CPR/1st Aid training or better as the circumstances may require, who would assist with consent of the injured – again, see above.
- c)** The boat(s) involved may offload the injured onto the RC Safety Boat, or other RC boat, which will proceed as above or to a closer or better alternative destination if possible, and treat the injured with consent, as above.

Even if not directly involved, the Race Committee Safety Boat should continue to monitor VHF transmissions from the boat(s) involved in case circumstances change or the boat(s) decide on another course of action.

3. SHORE-SIDE DESTINATIONS

3.1 Overview. The major difference between situations covered by Section 2.2 vs. 2.3, above, is that in Section 2.2 situations (with or without RC personnel assistance), the rescue personnel come to the scene. In Section 2.3 situations, the injured (with or without RC personnel assistance) are taken to shore where EMS personnel would be met.

Consequently, the RC Safety Boat and other RC boats and personnel need to know about alternative shore-side destinations. If none of these boats are involved, the RC can direct the actual boat(s) involved to the best destination.

Please refer to Attachment A, hereto.

3.2 Organizing Authority. The primary shore-side destination from the Race Area for injured persons is Naples Community Hospital (NCH). Contact information is as follows:

Naples Community Hospital
350 7th Street North
Naples FL 34102
239-436-5000

(Monitors VHF 16/Working Channels 9 67/68)

3.3 SHORE-SIDE DESTINATIONS

1. **DONAHUE DOCKS:** **Private Property, should be used only in the case of a medical emergency as directed by a 911 dispatcher.** Located at the entry of Gordon Pass on the north side. Street address: 199 Bay Rd, Naples, FL at the end of Gordon Drive Lat/Lon: N 26° 05.720 x W 081° 47.950
2. **NAPLES CITY DOCK:** **Should be considered a primary drop off point for emergency and non-emergency medical issues.** Located at: 880 12th Ave S, Naples Fl. Lat/Lon: N 26°07.99 x W 081° 47.56
3. **HOSPITAL: CLOSEST EMERGENCY ROOM:** The nearest emergency medical facilities to the Race Area is NCH Health Care: 350 Seventh Street North, Naples FL (239-624-5000)
4. **HOSPITAL: CLOSEST TRAUMA CENTER (Level 2):** Lee Memorial Hospital, 2776 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, FL (239-343-2000)

5. US COAST GUARD STATION: Fort Myers Beach, FL VHF Channel 16 and 22, (239-463-5754)
6. SEA TOW NAPLES, FL: (239) 263-3188
7. TOW BOAT U.S.: (239) 389-1177

ATTACHMENT "A"

