

On-Water Risks

- The skipper of each boat is responsible for ensuring that the boat is properly prepared and that all crew are adequately briefed or trained
- What's your plan for the key risks?
 - Person overboard
 - Injury to crew
 - Vessel damage (e.g. dismasting), grounding, sinking, fire etc
 - Vessel collision
 - Bad weather

Emergency Services

- Check for any dangers to yourself and your crew before attending to an injured person. Assess the situation fully before taking action. Try to remain calm.
- Immediately call emergency services on '000' if:
 - The incident involves potential loss of life or serious injury
 - A vessel is disabled or damaged to the extent that people are at risk
 - You anticipate difficulty in retrieving a person overboard
 - **If you are in any doubt, call '000'. Delaying the call may risk a life**
- Lesser incidents
 - Where life is not threatened but assistance is still required call Marine Rescue on VHF 16 or 02 9450 2468
- Notify all incidents where assistance was required as soon as practicable to MYC on VHF 72 or 9977 4949
 - See Safety Plan for Competitors in Handbook
 - Participants should be aware that committee vessels and race officers are not equipped nor trained to facilitate emergency response or rescue efforts. They may assist, but emergency services remain the best and most reliable response for an on-water incident

Emergency Services Dispatcher Procedures

- Keep calm, stay relevant and answer the dispatcher's questions
- Fire, Ambulance or Police?
 - Police can contact water police
- Location of patient
- Address of MYC
 - East Esplanade, below Wood St
 - Emphasise MYC not MSSC
- How to access patient
 - Use the closest landing e.g. Ferry Wharf
 - MYC Wharf also good choice for patients who can climb off the boat
 - If need stretcher, then use MYC Pontoon (depth permitting) or steps at the end of the Manly 16-Foot Skiff Club
- Give patient information
 - Male / female
 - Age
 - Conscious?
 - Bleeding?
 - Details of injury
- Flowchart in MYC Office may help

Incident Reports

- A written report MUST be submitted to RMS (see RMS website Maritime / Incidents and emergencies) within 24 hours if:
 - Death or injury
 - Damage > \$5,000
 - Damage or risk to the environment
- For MYC to fulfil its aquatic licence responsibilities, it is essential that skippers provide MYC as soon as practicable with a written report (use MYC Accident / Incident Form on website) of any incident occurring during a MYC event if it:
 - Was reportable to RMS
 - Involved a person overboard (other than MOB recovery practice)
 - Required external assistance
 - Involved a vessel collision, whether racing or not
- Don't forget to lodge a protest! (you can later withdraw)