



ON-WATER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

MAJOR INCIDENTS:

Check for any dangers to yourself and your crew before attending to an injured person. Assess the situation fully before acting. 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 are having difficulty retrieving a man overboard

***If in doubt about the severity of an injury or incident call '000' first.
Delaying the call may risk a life.***

Look for the closest ambulance access point. For Example:

- Balmain Ferry Wharf
- Elliott Street Wharf
- Birkenhead Point
- Drummoyne Wharf
- Greenwich Point Wharf

These are suggestions only. There may be a location closer and more appropriate to the incident.

- Always stand-by a vessel in need of assistance until they have confirmed your assistance is no longer required.

LESSER INCIDENTS

Where life is not threatened but assistance is still required call Marine Rescue NSW on VHF channel 16 or 02 9450 2468.

Minor injuries or damage should be reported to the BSC on VHF 73 or 0411 206 347.

Competitors should be aware that committee vessels and race officers are not equipped to facilitate emergency response or rescue efforts.

They may assist, but emergency services remain the safest and most reliable response for an on-water incident.

Reporting Requirements:

The person in charge of a vessel is required by law to report any incident during Club on-water events to NSW RMS within 24 hours if:

- Medical treatment was required for any person involved
- There was damage that affected the seaworthiness of any vessel involved
- A commercial vessel was involved
- The damage exceeded 10% of the value of any vessel involved

Additional information and forms are available at:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/topics/waterways-safety-and-rules/emergencies/incident-response>

For the club to fulfil its risk management responsibilities it is essential that skippers provide the BSC with a written report, either a hardcopy or electronic, to the club within 7 days of any incident occurring during an BSC event that:

- Was reportable to NSW Roads and Maritime Services
- Involved a man overboard (other than MoB recovery practice)
- Required external assistance
- Was the result of a collision between two or more vessels, whether racing or not, in which one or more vessels suffered significant damage