



Geechee Sailing Club (“The Club”) plans and organizes sailing events to provide an enjoyable sailing experience for all participants. The Club recognized that incidents may occur where assistance is requested or needed.

The purpose of this plan is provide a general set of recommendations for use by The Club and its volunteers to prepare for and respond to a safety or health incident on the water, identify resources in the area that may be needed, and make this information available to other volunteers.

#### **PRIOR TO EVENT**

- The Club checks the equipment on each race committee boat used by the event to ensure it is in proper working order.
- The Club checks safety equipment on each boat used by the event. This includes first aid kits, fire extinguishers, extra rope for towing, and devices used to assist in capsize recovery, and other such equipment. A summary is provided to the Principal Race Officer (PRO)/Club Event Organizer.
- The Club Safety Plan is made available to the PRO/Club Event Organizer in addition to the Landings Marina.
- The Regatta Chair maintains an Event Safety Sheet which summarizes information that may be needed by event volunteers.
- Event Participants provide a contact person and phone number in the event of any emergency, along with the total number of people on board.

#### **EVENT VOLUNTEER MEETING**

At the Event Volunteer Meeting, the PRO/Club Event Organizer, as safety coordinator, distribute an Event Safety Sheet to each event boat. The safety sheet is a summary of the information that may be needed when providing assistance. Any changes or additional information after the printing is announced at the participants meeting.

#### **ON SHORE**

Information and equipment that may be needed as the result of an incident is provided to each boat captain. The following will be included at a minimum.

- Event Safety Plan
- Map and directions to nearest hospital
- Emergency contact information provide during registration

Directions to nearest shore drop off and hospital

#### **DURING THE EVENT**

Communication between event boats is very important. Communicate emergencies and information to other event boats by VHF radio. The Event Safety Sheet identifies the VHF channel used during the event if other than event communication channel.

Event boats responding to an incident report back to the safety coordinator vessel ID, personnel status, incident resolved. When possible, event boats note of incident and time, and turn the records into to Regatta Chair who is the Safety Coordinator.

The Safety Coordinator coordinates all sailing related emergency responses unless otherwise delegated. Safety boats notify the safety coordinator as soon as possible when assistance may be needed or is requested. Using this information, the safety coordinator determines other resources to be used.

## **Event Safety Sheet**

Safety Coordinator: Angela Margolit, 973-296-8011

Staff

Signal Boat: Tim Grissette, 912-667-4367, Judy Grissette, 912-658-2015

Safety 1: Taylor & Raegan Highsmith, 912-210-2270

Safety 2: N/A

Photo Boat: RC Boat

Shore: None

First Responders: Ken Dobuler, 203-641-2002 (Saturday), Erin Ballou, 845-784-8663 (Sunday)

\* lead person on boat

### **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Safety will use **Event Channel 72**

Marina monitors **VHF radio channel 16**

### **EMERGENCY / SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

Each boat has a first aid kit, a fire extinguisher, extra PFDs, and a towing line.

### **INJURY RESPONSE**

In the event of an emergency requiring additional medical assistance, the safety coordinator will appoint a person to be at the Marina to direct emergency personal to the location.

## **Safety Contacts**

<b><u>EMERGENCY OPERATIONS</u></b>		
<b><u>Marina Office</u></b>  Landings Marina  (912) 598-1901  <b><u>Hospital</u></b>  St. Joseph's Hospital  11705 Mercy Boulevard  (912) 819-4100	<b>Primary Emergency Contact</b>  <b>911</b>	<b><u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u></b>  Southside Fire Department  Station 9 - Skidaway Island  59 Log Landing Road  (912) 354-1011