

Buffalo Canoe Club Regatta Emergency Action Plan

Radio Channels:

Race Committee Channel 72
Burgee Base Channel 68
BCC 905-894-2750

In case of a life-threatening emergency on the water:

Response Boat Crew will be the Team Leader in charge responsible for all communications until the victim is of the water:

- 1. **Response Boat Crew becomes the Team Leader.** Radio the PRO immediately to advise them of the situation. Identify what boat you are and where you are located on the race course.
- 2. Response Boat Crew Radio Burgee Base to advise them of the situation. If no answer, call the BCC #.
- **3.** If the situation is life threatening, (EG. Heart attack, or uncontrollable bleeding), Make a decision to transport the victim, as quickly and safely as you can, to one of the following two places, whichever is closer, and advise Burgee Base of that plan:
 - Buffalo Yacht Club 1007 Point Abino Road
 - Public Boat Launch, Crystal Beach Crystal Beach Waterfront Park
- **4. If the situation is non-life threatening,** make a decision to transport the victim to the BCC and advise Burgee Base of that decision.
- 5. Response Boat Crew will follow basic First Aid principles. Airway, Breathing, Circulation.
- 6. **If a EMT is available on the water** and can respond in a reasonable time, they will communicate their intention to take over as Team Leader once they are on scene.
- 7. **If the victim is staying on the sailboat and being escorted to shore,** advise PRO and Burgee Base that you are escorting the boat to the BCC and communicate the sail number.
- 8. Always carry a knife.
- 9. Always shut off the motor if you are picking up a swimmer in the water.

