

ASSISTING A CAPSIZED SAILBOAT

- First concern is the safety of the crew. Is everyone accounted for? Is anyone hurt or suffering injury or hypothermia?
- Do not assume the crew needs assistance. Ask!
- Do not bring the 2 craft into contact with each other. You will needlessly damage one of the boats.
- Have the crew prevent turtling by sitting, standing on, or holding the keel. If possible have the crew un-cleat the main and jib sheets.

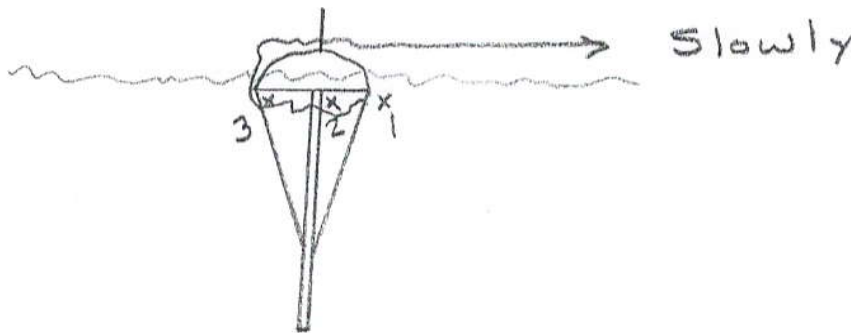
BOAT LAYING ON SIDE BUT CREW CAN NOT RIGHT THE BOAT

- Have the crew get the top of the mast into the wind. If the tip of the mast is lifted the wind will help right the boat.



BOAT HAS TURTLED AND CREW CAN NOT GET IT BACK UP

- Using a long piece of line have the crew in the water attached it over the hull to one of the following:
 - The opposite side stay: This is best
 - The mast: The mast partner is a strong area of the boat. Less chance of any damage.
 - The opposite side stay. This is the easiest most accessible tie point.
 - Pull perpendicular to the hull. It will try to come around on you so steering skill is required.



MAST IS STUCK IN MUD ON THE BOTTOM

- This is where the most damage can occur. The wind and waves may have already bent the mast.
- Have the crew tie the rope to the side stay or mast and slowly pull straight away from the mast until it releases from the mud. This takes patients!

