



WYC SOP Emergency / Major Incident Procedure

A major incident is one which involves the possibility or actual occurrence of a serious injury or threat to life.

The safety, well-being and re-assurance of those involved is the race officers responsibility.

Safety boat assesses the situation and tries to resolve the situation. If can't be resolved then safety boat to call Race officer/ Senior instructor or other safety boat to help, eg "Dart 18 turtled, one person trapped, I need urgent help".
Safety boat takes action to prevent further deterioration or continues to resolve the problem. Safety boat crew may need to enter the water to help.
Safety Boat may initiate a MAYDAY (Grave and imminent danger) call on VHF channel 16

Situation the water resolved - NO



If the situation cannot be resolved by the safety boat, then a MAYDAY call should be issued on VHF channel 16 or 999 call to Coastguard
Mayday call procedure is set out on the Mayday Call card in safety boat grab bags.
If all safety boats are tied up with this incident then the Race officer/ Senior instructor to Signal all other boats to abandon race and come off the water. Race abandon: Flag N over A and THREE LONG BLASTS.

Situation on the water resolved - YES



Bring the casualty to shore and continue with first aid treatment.
Follow WYC's first aid procedure



Whitstable lifeboat to take over the situation. Safety boat to standby if any further assistance needed.



Race officer/ SI will inform a WYC Emergency Co-ordinator as soon as possible via one of the following channels:
WYC Commodore, Andrew Jackson, 07725 486962
Rear Commodore Sailing, Steve Gray, 07917 238345
Training Principal, Jo Wyles, 07917 014 533
A hazardous incident or accident resulting in serious injury or death must also be reported to the RYA on T: 0844 556 9528 / E: training@rya.org.uk



After everyone is safe, any equipment involved must immediately be quarantined.
Any persons involved witnesses that will need to write an incident report, but should not prejudice the outcome by discussing matters among themselves. Do not make public comments. All enquiries subsequent to the incident should be referred to the club manager's office.