

Quick Reference for RC

Marblehead Harbor Emergency Procedures

1.0 COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1.1 In all Emergencies the Line RO will be in command
 - A. MRA – Midway Line is lead
 - B. Ask other line for assets as needed (extra patrol to assist)
 - C. For regattas with Event Organizer (EO), the EO will be in command
 - D. Host YC will be support as able
- 1.2 All RC vessels must stay on VHF line channel and private radio
 - A. Patrol boats need to be able to respond to Signal Boat immediately
 - B. Command and response transmissions should be minimal and related solely to the emergency condition(s)
 - C. The RO may use cell phone as needed to increase communications/reception
 - D. Line Signal Boat will communicate with emergency personnel and contact patrol boat with updates

2.0 HARBOR ASSETS

- 2.1 Coordination and dispatch of all harbor assets shall be the responsibility of the Line RO
 - A. For Major Regattas/Events, the Event Organizer may assist

3.0 LANDING POINT FOR RESCUED AND INJURED PARTIES

- 3.1 The victim needing medical attention should be taken immediately to the Marblehead Town Landing dock at State Street for first responder support at the dock—unless otherwise directed by the Marblehead Harbor Master or Event Host YC coordinator

Potential Emergency Conditions are:

- Man Overboard
- Vessel Emergencies
- Severe Weather
- Dense Fog
- Injury or illness

RC patrol boats – communicate to RO and racer, transport sailor if needed, get the sailor out of the water, and communicate to RO and racer

MRA - RADIO PROCEDURES

If this is life or death situation call 9-1-1 or VHF Channel 16

SPEAK: SLOWLY – CLEARLY – CALMLY

To be used for situations while sailboat racing to communicate with RC

1. Make sure communications equipment is on
2. Select regatta VHF channel, per Sailing Instructions
3. Press microphone button in, talk into the microphone and CALMLY state:
 “NAME OF LINE RACE COMMITTEE [Tinkers RC or Twilight RC] or NAME OF RC SIGNAL BOAT [Pegasus]”
 “THIS IS THE [YOUR VESSEL NAME] OVER.” Repeat 3 times
4. Release microphone button and wait for acknowledgement
5. Give RC time to respond with “Vessel Name hailing RC this RC/first responder [vessel name]”
 - a. **If no response within one minute, REPEAT step 3**
6. State your location twice (Latitude & Longitude, Range and Bearing, approx. location on race course, etc.)
7. State nature of distress
 - a. # of people on board, if any injuries/person in water and condition of vessel
 - b. *Withdrawing from racing*
 - c. State kind of assistance desired
8. Briefly describe vessel: Fleet/Class, Length, Type, Color
9. Briefly describe type and amount of lifesaving equipment. **Survival Craft** _____ **PFDs** _____ **EPIRB/PLB** _____
10. Say: “I will be monitoring on Channel _____. (per SIs or if told to change VHF channels)”
11. End by saying: **“THIS IS THE [YOUR VESSEL NAME] OVER.”**
12. If the situation permits, stand by the radio for further communication with the signal boat, patrol boat, Coast Guard or other vessel. If no one answers, repeat the above, and then try on VHF channel 16.
13. **Primary RC responsibility is personal safety, not property or vessel loss**