

Yealm Yacht Club Major Incident Plan

This plan is applicable to all Yealm Yacht Club Sailing events. It is directed at saving life in exceptional circumstances. It will only be invoked in the unlikely event of the normal YYC safety boat practice and other safety procedures being unable to cope with the circumstances.

Possible Scenarios

- Multiple capsizes in exceptional weather conditions
- Boat or boats being driven onto a lee shore
- Loss of sight of or radio contact with competitors in a race
- Unexplained absence of a competitor at the end of a race
- Medical Emergency.
- Loss of crew overboard
- Collision with commercial shipping, naval vessels or other power craft causing major damage.

This list is illustrative but not necessarily exhaustive

Declaring a major incident

Major incident procedures should normally be declared by the race officer of the day or safety boat fleet coordinator. In some circumstances it may be appropriate for the skipper of a safety boat or a competing yacht to declare a major incident.

Major incident procedure.

Inform coastguard VHF Channel 16 or phone Falmouth Coastguard. 01326 317575
When using VHF channel 16 the Race officer or other responsible person should use the Mayday procedure if there is immediate threat to life or Pan Pan if danger to life less immediate.

Race officer to agree with coastguard who should be directing the rescue operation.

Race Officer to contact YYC tel 01752 872291 and ask staff to inform commodore or most senior club official available that a major incident has been declared.

Public Relations

Family or friends of those involved in the incident should be informed by senior club official as soon as possible.

Only the senior club official at YYC should speak to the press.

All race officers and safety boat skippers should be aware of this guidance .

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