MAJOR INCIDENTS: Check for any dangers to yourself and your crew before attending to an injured person. Assess the situation fully before taking action. Try to remain calm.

Immediately call emergency services on '000' or VHF CH 16 or 13 if:

1.1 The incident involves potential loss of life or serious injury
1.2 A vessel is disabled or damaged to the extent that people are at risk
1.3 You are having difficulty retrieving a man overboard

If in doubt about the severity of an injury or incident call '000' first. Delaying the call may risk a life.
* Look for the closest ambulance access point. NSW Police suggest:

1.4 Manly Wharf
1.5 Rose Bay Wharf
1.6 Man of War Steps Wharf
1.7 Balmain Ferry Wharf
1.8 RSYS Kirribilli

These are suggestions only. There may be a location closer and more appropriate to the incident. Always stand-by a vessel in need of assistance until they have confirmed you may depart.

INCIDENTS: Marine Rescue Assistance call on VHF channel 16 or 02 9450 2468 (24/7).
Minor injuries or damage should be reported to the SASC Race Officer on VHF 73 or 0419 625 883. Competitors should be aware that committee vessels and race officers are not equipped to facilitate emergency response or rescue efforts. They may assist, but emergency services remain the safest and most reliable response for an on-water incident.

Reporting Requirements:

The person in charge of a vessel is required by law to report any incident during Club on-water events to NSW RMS within 24 hours if:

1.9 Medical treatment was required for any person involved
1.10 There was damage that affected the seaworthiness of any vessel involved
1.11 A commercial vessel was involved
1.12 The damage exceeded 10% of the value of any vessel involved

For the club to fulfil its risk management responsibilities it is essential that skippers provide the SASC a written report, either hardcopy or electronic, to the Sailing Office within 7 days of any incident occurring during an SASC event that:

1.13 Was reportable to NSW Roads and Maritime Services
1.14 Involved a man overboard (other than MoB recovery practice)
1.15 Required external assistance
1.16 Was the result of a collision between two or more vessels, whether racing or not, in which one or more vessels suffered significant damage

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