



EMERGENCY RESPONSE & NOTIFICATION OF INCIDENTS

NOTIFICATION OF INCIDENTS

The RPAYC is not able to provide primary emergency response. The NSW Water Police (or AMSA, depending on the incident location) shall coordinate the Emergency Response for boats requiring external medical assistance or requiring assistance when in grave or imminent danger to the safety of the vessel or crew. For any incident requiring Emergency Service assistance the persons at the sight of the incident should contact '000'.

Advising the Race Official Team and the RPAYC Club House should then follow.

At all times the RPAYC should be contacted to advise an incident has occurred and an incident report lodged by those parties involved.

The RPAYC may be able to provide assistance in non-emergency situations and/or as directed by the Emergency Services.

For any incident requiring assistance parties involved should updated Emergency Services, the Race Officials and Club on the situation.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Where a vessel and/or its crew requires **Emergency Response** the vessels crew should use the standard marine radio emergency call procedures (**MAY DAY** or **PAN PAN**).

- **MAY DAY** - Only used if a vessel or person is in grave and imminent danger and requires immediate assistance.
- **PAN PAN** - Used when a Mayday distress signal is not fully justified - vessel requires assistance but is not in grave or imminent danger or if an urgent safety message concerning safety of the vessel or person.
- If the incident does not merit a May Day or Pan Pan call, but emergency assistance is required, Emergency Services should be called by dialing "000". The NSW Water Police Marine Area Command (MAC) are the primary Agency responsible for coordinating Emergency Responses. Incidents requiring Ambulance services refer to Pick up Point for your closest suitable location.

First Response - contact Emergency Services on:

- **VHF Ch 16 and/or "000" or**
- **Water Police, Sydney 02-9692 5411 or Broken Bay 02-9979 4044**
- **Marine Rescue VHF 16 or 02 9999 3554**



In the case of an incident not requiring Emergency Services contact should be made with:

- **Alfred's 1 on VHF Ch 77 or on 0428 276 409; or**
- **Alfred's 2 on VHF Ch 72 or on 0458 787 500; or**
- RPAYC Reception on 9998-3700

NOTIFICATION OF VESSEL ACCIDENTS AND PERSONAL INJURY

If a boating accident occurs in any port or navigable water in NSW, the master of the vessel must:

- Stop the vessel immediately
- Give any assistance which may be necessary
- Produce any boat or PWC driving licence required to be held to authorities and parties
- Give details to any person having reasonable grounds for requesting them eg other persons involved in the accident
- Details must include the master's name and address as well as any distinguishing number which is required to be displayed on the vessel eg registration number or permit number.

If requested by a Roads and Maritime Officer or any NSW Police Officer, provide the following details:

- Full identification
- Time, place and nature of accident
- Name and registration number of every vessel involved in the incident
- Name and address of every person who was concerned with or witnessed the accident
- Extent of any injury or damage resulting from the accident
- Produce a boat driving licence or Certificate of Competency.

There is a NSW legislative requirement for skippers (and/or Persons-in-Charge of boats) to provide a written report to Roads and Maritime within 24 hours setting out the particulars of the incident if one of the following applies:

- The incident has resulted in the death, or injury to, a person
- The incident has result in damage in excess of \$5000 to a vessel of any other property
- Damage or risk to the environment has occurred.

The relevant NSW RMS Sailing Incident Report form may be found on the RPAYC website in the Incident Procedures section or on the NSW RMS Maritime website.
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/>

- Copies should also be submitted to the RPAYC and or a Protest Form submitted if the incident occurred during an official event.



Calling an Ambulance - flowchart



**Ambulance Service
of New South Wales**

When you call Triple Zero (000), you will speak with a Telstra Operator who will ask you which service you require – police, fire or ambulance.

If you say **AMBULANCE**, you will be transferred to one of our control centres

To ensure you receive the most appropriate care quickly, the Ambulance control centre officer will ask you the following standard set of questions.

1. **What is the exact address of the emergency?**
(The officer will ask for the suburb name, street address and nearest cross street or location you are calling from)
2. **What is the phone number you are calling from?**
(This information is important in case the control centre needs to call back to obtain further information)
3. **Tell me exactly what happened?**
4. **How old is s/he?** (Approximate age if unsure)
5. **Is s/he awake?**
6. **Is s/he breathing?**

Answering these questions to the best of your ability ensures we have the most accurate information about the patient's condition and can assess the situation quickly

From your responses to the questions above, Ambulance will determine the most appropriate service for you.

Ambulance uses the internationally recognised Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) to determine the level of response required based on the severity of the patient's condition. Not all callers will require an ambulance.

Life-threatening medical emergency. Urgent assistance required

Paramedics sent immediately under lights and sirens.

DO NOT HANG UP

The control centre officer will ask you additional questions to assist paramedics en route.

The control centre officer can also provide further assistance and/or medical instructions depending on the medical emergency.

Medical assistance required but not life-threatening medical emergency

Paramedics will be sent without lights and sirens when available. This may be as soon as 30 minutes or up to 90 minutes during busy periods.

Not an emergency but may require further medical assessment.

Your call is transferred to a registered nurse for assessment.

The nurse can provide advice over the phone and identify other methods of transport, or treatment by other health professionals.

The nurse can also return the call to the Triple Zero (000) control centre officer at any time if they believe an ambulance is required.

If your call falls into one of the above categories, you should call Triple Zero (000) again if the patient's condition changes in any way.





GO EASY ON THE DRINK

When you're in a boat, the combination of wind, waves and the sun can all magnify the effects of alcohol and affect your judgement and skills.

Remember:

- The blood alcohol limit on water is 0.05 – the same as on the road.
- Random breath testing also applies on the water.
- Go over the limit and you could really get in over your head. So go easy on the drink.

For more information see our website or call the info line.

**YOU'RE THE SKIPPER
YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE!**

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Info line: 13 12 56
www.rms.nsw.gov.au



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