



EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Head of the Nicomekl Regatta 2021

REGATTA ADDRESS 3136 McBride Avenue, Blackie Spit Park, Crescent Beach, Surrey

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:
Charge Person/Chief Umpire Mr. Simon Litherland cell 778-840-5748
President and Regatta Chair: Ms. Helen Healey cell 604-836-4632
Safety Officer: Mr. Ray Pici

EMERGENCY CONTACT: 9-1-1 for all emergencies

SITE ACCESSIBLE TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM RIVER

Nico-Wynd Golf Course, 3601 Nico-Wynd Drive, Surrey 604 535 9511,

Nicomekl Rowing Club, Elgin Heritage Park, Crescent Road, Surrey

Crescent Beach Marina, 12555 Crescent Road, Surrey 604 538 9666,

Blackie Spit Park, 3136 McBride Avenue, Blackie Spit Park, Crescent Beach, Surrey

NEAREST HOSPITALS:

Peace Arch Hospital
15521 Russell Avenue
White Rock, V3V 1Z2
604 531 5512

Surrey Memorial Hospital
13750 96 Avenue
Surrey, V4B 5M2
604 581 2211

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY DURING THE REGATTA

CHARGE PERSON: The Chief Umpire will assume the role of Charge Person

- Assume command, and direct and control operations until the arrival of the appropriate authorities;
- Work with the Safety Officer to co-ordinate on-water operations;
- Identify him/herself to the authorities; liaise with authorities and direct personnel as necessary.
- Halt the event if there is risk to any participant, or a reduction in safety to those involved.

SAFETY OFFICER

- For on water emergencies relay information to Charge Person
- Inform coach/club representative (delegate a volunteer to do this)
- Quick access to information on each rower is important in the event of an emergency. The Safety Officer will locate the injured rowers coach. Provided appropriate information and to which hospital the individual is being transported

CALL PERSON

- Dials 911 for emergency as directed by the Charge Person or Safety Officer

911 SCRIPT

- Follow the 911 dispatcher's prompts
- "My name is _____ Our regatta is at 3136 McBride Avenue, Blackie Spit, Crescent Beach, Surrey
- "The phone number I am calling from is: _____"
- Describe the nature of the emergency
- Request water rescue if appropriate
- DO NOT HANG UP!!
- Stay on the line and answer any questions asked by the dispatcher.
- Provide dispatch with an alternate phone number in case you're accidentally cut off.
- Minimize the use of walky-talkies and do not use them when passing confidential information.

For injuries

- "There is an injured person who needs an ambulance"
- "He/She is currently located _____ and is being provided first aid by _____"
- "We are sending _____ (name of person) to meet the ambulance at the entrance to Blackie Spit"
- Ask the dispatcher how long until the ambulance arrives and provide that information to the Charge Person as soon as possible.

FIRST AID/MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

- St. Johns Ambulance personnel will be at the First Aid Tent beside the Registration Tent.

- First Aid Attendant has a cell phone
- First Aid attendant may ask for assistance from, or explicitly defer to, someone with more medical training.
- Waits with the injured person until Emergency Medical Services arrives and the injured person is transported away from the site.

CONTROL PERSON

- Controls the crowd including parents and teammates
- Helps the Charge Person as asked
- Clears any traffic from the entrance/access road before the ambulance arrives
- Waits at the driveway entrance to direct the ambulance when it arrives
- In the event of an on-water emergency at a regatta, athletes should be directed to gather at the Registration tent, (unless directed otherwise).
- Coaches should take attendance and notify Control Person of any athletes not accounted for.

ON WATER EMERGENCY

- Calm judgment must be used in assessing whether a situation is an emergency, or is likely to develop into an emergency.

SAFETY BOATS

- Getting injured or unconscious person stabilized and ashore at a site accessible to emergency vehicles takes precedence over all-else. Determine the quickest route to a suitable shore location
- Critical medical emergencies - **call 9-1-1** and follow the 911 dispatcher's prompts
- Have emergency crews meet at the nearest water access point from the list provided at the beginning of this plan
- If appropriate call the Royal Canadian Search And Rescue (RCSR) boat, as it will be the best boat in an emergency. (See phone list provided at day of regatta)
- If the injured or unconscious crew is in the water, make sure they have a PFD, and are face- up. It may be necessary to assign another rower to enter the water to assist the injured or unconscious person. Determine and assign the person most qualified to help.
- First safety boat to call the nearest safety boat for assistance
- The second safety boat calls the Charge Person (Chief Umpire), Safety Officer and/or Regatta Chair

COMMUNICATION

- Cellphones are the only reliable form of communication on the river. They must be fully charged. It must be in a position that you would hear it if it rings or feel it if it vibrates.
- Emergency Plan must be in the safety boat and understood by safety boat drivers and spotters
- Emergency Cell Phones #'s list must be correct and in the safety boat

SAFETY BOAT EQUIPMENT

The following equipment will be present in each of the safety boats:

- 4 lifejackets
- Heaving line
- Whistle – All of the umpires will have a megaphone
- Bailer or sponge to be used in the event of swamping or a rowing shell taking on a large amount of water.
- Blankets – silver or other
- Ladder (some boats have no ladder)
- Contact #'s of chief umpire, safety officer, other safety boats, CSAR's boat, regatta chair
- Map of course with position of other safety boats
- Paddle/s
- Toolkit

INCIDENT REPORT

Following the conclusion of the events the Regatta Chair, Safety Officer and Chief Umpire must prepare a report detailing all incidents and actions taken to prevent a recurrence. The safety boat driver and spotter will be involved in completing this report.

RE-STARTING THE REGATTA AFTER A HALT

While any member of the Local Organizing Committee, Medical First Response people or Umpire Jury can halt a regatta, the Chief Umpire, Local Organizing Committee Chair and the Safety Officer must all agree to re-start a halted event. If there is disagreement amongst these parties, the halt remains in effect and competitors are evacuated from the course and the event discontinued.

NEAREST PHARMACY:

Safeway Pharmacy, 12825 16th Avenue, Surrey
604 531 9694

NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

Mercy Medical Clinic
2332 160th Street
Real Canadian Superstore
Saturday: Please call 778 358 5323 first