



GERALDTON
YACHT
CLUB. INC

SAFETY & EMERGENCY **RESPONSE PLAN**

2023 DRAGON BOAT CLASSIC

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Introduction

This Response Plan is designed to deal with all incidents on the day of the Dragon Boat Classic. Participants include the designated Coordinator, Support craft, and Start boat, onshore team Captains.

Communication between the Coordinator, Start boat crew and Support boat crews will be made prior to the days events conducted by Geraldton Yacht Club.

All rescue/support activities will be conducted under the control and direction of the onshore based Coordinator on water crews.

Radio traffic from a rescue boat involved in rescue/support will have priority over other transmissions. Normal Radio Frequency will be Channel 73.

Coordinator

The coordinator will be the responsible person for the day event.

They will have access to the PA system, have a 40Ch UHF and a VHF radio on CH73 for communications with other key personnel both on and offshore and a mobile phone to contact third party emergency services.

Support Boat Equipment

Each designated Support boat shall carry, in good condition and working order, a first aid kit, VHF radio with appropriate frequencies, 2 x towlines, and safety equipment.

Each designated Support boat will be crewed by two Persons, 1 licensed operator, at least one of whom will be an adult. One person on each boat shall at all times be prepared to enter the water to assist in a rescue.

Weather Forecast/Winds/Foul Weather

The Coordinator should obtain the latest possible weather forecast and wind strength to determine:

1. That it is suitable to hold the event.
2. The best direction of the course.

Onshore – evacuation of designated marquee area –

1. Coordinator to be aware of the City's designated muster area for that section of the Foreshore.
2. Coordinator to assess whether safe passage to that muster point is appropriate under the circumstance.
3. Coordinator to make repeated, clear and concise announcements over the PA to the participant teams on where to evacuate.
4. Coordinator to satisfy themselves that all participants are safe from circumstance.
5. Coordinator to liaise with City personnel as to likely action from here on for the remainder of the day.

On water – capsize or “sinking” of a Dragon Boat –

1. Coordinator to alert the support vessels that there is a sinking of the Dragon Boat.
2. Support Boat to prioritise the gathering of all team participants and getting them on board and transferring them to shore.
3. Coordinator to liaise with the Team Captain to ensure all participants are accounted for.
4. Another support vessel will retrieve the Dragon Boat and tow it to shore where the shore crews will bail out the water and return the Dragon Boat to the marshalling area.
5. General Boating Public encroaching onto Course –
Place markers along the side lines of the course
Support boats to advise and coax intruders off the course

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE – 000

GERALDTON SEA RESCUE – 9964 3543 – (CH 16 & 82 VHF)

MIDWEST PORTS AUTHORITY –9964 0500