

2024 NSL ASIA PACIFICS

On-Water Emergency Response Plan

Introduction

This On-Water Emergency Response Plan (OWERP) has been developed to ensure the safety and wellbeing of participants and attendees during on-water activities at the 2024 NSL ASIA PACIFIC Port Adelaide (9-11 March 2024)..

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Emergency Services

- Emergency: 000 (Triple Zero)
- Port Adelaide Police Station: (08) 8207 6444
- State Emergency Service: 132 500

Medical Facilities

- Nearest Hospital: Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woodville
- On-site First Aid Team: First in Sports First Aid
- On-water First Aid (Friday Only): Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia

Risk Assessment

- [Available to view here](#)

On-Water Emergency Response Contact List

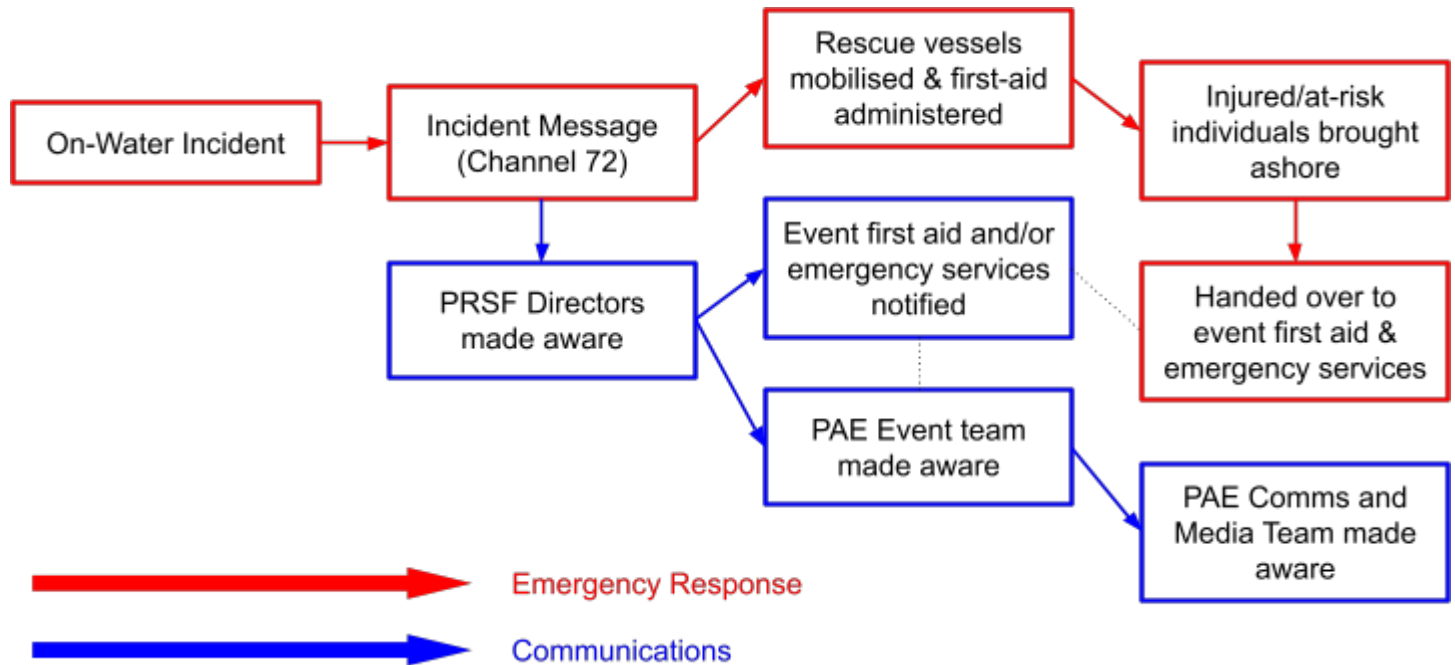
This list is all individuals involved in the responsibilities of on-water safety and event management.

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Communication Plan

- All marine operations, including event and race management discussions and safety communications, will take place on VHF Channel 72 and will be coordinated by the Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia and its on-water safety coordinator(s), in conjunction with the NSL Directors.
- Drivers and volunteers from all on-water vessels will be briefed in advance of the radio requirements to ensure everyone is aware of the safety procedures and the appropriate lines of communication.
- The on-water safety coordinator(s), supplied by the CYCSA and briefed in advance, will be required to hold a current Short Range Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP).
- At least one member of each safety vessel will be required to have a current First Aid certificate.
- In the event of an emergency or incident, communications will happen through Channel 72 and will be coordinated by the on-water safety coordinator(s) and any relevant distress frequency calls will be made in line with the [Marine Safety SA guidelines](#).
- In the event of an emergency, on-water first aid will be administered by rescue vessels where appropriate and anyone requiring medical attention will be brought to the Event Pontoons (Queens Wharf).
- Concurrently, CYCSA Directors will notify the Activation Coordinator and any other relevant people from the City of Port Adelaide Enfield and ensure event first aid services and/or emergency services are aware and able to take control of the situation once ashore.
- CYCSA Directors will work with the Activation Coordinator and event first aid to ensure ambulance access is available.
- CYCSA Directors will require radios from the City of PAE to communicate directly with PAE staff through the appropriate communication channels.

Incident Communication Flow Chart



Emergency Procedures

Life-Threatening Emergency:

(Any incident, whether medical or caused by external factors, resulting in a life-threatening situation)

First response:

- Mayday call over radio (VHF Channel 72) with location of incident provided clearly.
- Rescue vessel attends the incident location ASAP.
- Assist persons in danger and bring them into the rescue vessel, either by retrieving them from the water or from another vessel.
- Administer first aid.

Dial 000 & Communications:

- Following radio transmissions, CYCSA Directors tasked with dialing Triple Zero.
- CYCSA Directors also notify the City of PAE event team.
- CYCSA Directors to ensure primary thoroughfare of the Event pontoons are clear of bystanders and accessible to emergency services.
- CYCSA Directors ensure the boom gate at the west end of Fisherman's Wharf Market car park is open and accessible for ambulance and emergency services.

Event directives:

- All on-water activity postponed.
- Sailing participants asked to remain in their vessels and await further instructions.
- Paddling and swimming participants asked to stay clear of the emergency response, slowly make their way to the fingers of the Event pontoons and await further instructions.

People at Risk of Drowning:

(Any incident where a person or persons are in the water and are at risk of drowning either by experiencing a medical issue or are not conscious. This is of primary concern during the NHSLSC swimming event)

First response:

- Mayday call over radio (VHF Channel 72) with location of person provided clearly.
- Rescue vessel attends the incident location ASAP.
- If there are people in the water nearby, they are asked to assist as a matter of priority.
- Rescue support person immediately enters the water if required to provide support.
- Person in danger retrieved and brought into the rescue vessel.
- Administer first aid, including CPR if required.

Dial 000 & Communications:

- Following radio transmissions, CYCSA Directors tasked with dialing Triple Zero, if required.
- CYCSA Directors also notify the City of PAE event team.
- CYCSA Directors to ensure primary thoroughfare of the Event pontoons are clear of bystanders and accessible to emergency services, if required.
- CYCSA Directors ensure the boom gate at the west end of Fisherman's Wharf Market car park is open and accessible for ambulance and emergency services, if required.

Event directives:

- All on-water activity postponed.
- CYCSA Directors to decide if on-water activity needs to be postponed or canceled, or if competition can safely resume.
- Any sailing participants asked to remain in their vessels and await further instructions.
- Paddling and swimming participants asked to stay clear of the emergency response, slowly make their way to the fenders of the Event pontoons and await further instructions.

Weather-Related Emergencies:

(Extremely damaging winds, natural disasters, etc)

Preparation:

- Monitor BOM forecasts and warnings regularly and ensure sporting activities are taking place in line with the Postponement and Cancellation Plan.
- Brief competitors each day with information on any weather expectations and potentially hazardous weather events.

First response:

- Order all on-water vessels and competitors to return to shore if they are able to, either at the Event Pontoons or Cruickshanks Beach depending on wind direction.
- Ensure all on-water participants in danger are attended to by safety vessels with a clear priority to recover people over property/assets.
- Direct all sailing vessels that are able to, safely make their way to the Event Pontoons and lower their sails before docking.
- Ensure all participants and bystanders on land are clear of Event Pontoons and any other dangerous areas.
- Direct bystanders and participants to seek shelter in Black Diamond Square.

Dial 000 & Communications:

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- CYCSA Directors to ensure primary thoroughfare of the Event Pontoons are clear of bystanders and accessible to emergency services, if required.
- CYCSA Directors ensure the boom gate at the west end of Fisherman's Wharf Market car park is open and accessible for ambulance and emergency services, if required.

Next steps:

- Any persons in immediate danger brought to Event Pontoons when safe to do so and assistance provided from Event First Aid where required.
- Await arrival of emergency services while continuing First Aid, if required.
- Ensure safety vessels coordinate the evacuation of all other participants from the Port River as quickly as possible.
- Ensure people are on standby on pontoons to assist in the docking of sailing vessels where required.

Event directives:

- CYCSA Directors to postpone all on-water activity and direct competitors to await further instructions.

On-Water Accidents:

(Collisions or incidents between on-water vessels resulting in threat to life or human wellbeing)

Preparation:

- Ensure all competitors are briefed in regard to right of way rules, making it clear all sailing vessels are responsible for avoiding any paddle vessels or participants.
- Ensure no major sailing or paddle activity is happening at the same time as the North Haven Surf Lifesaving Club swimming event, and that the only other vessels on the water at that time are for safety purposes only.
- Ensure all participants are briefed in advance of any major on-water movements (i.e. shipping, leisure vessels)
- CYCSA Directors to speak with tourism operators and City of PAE events team to ensure all on-water movements are tracked in advance.

First response:

- Communication over radio (VHF Channel 72).
- Rescue vessel attends the incident location ASAP.
- Assist any persons in immediate danger and bring them into the rescue vessel, either by retrieving them from the water or from another vessel.
- Administer first aid if required.
- Once any persons requiring medical attention are safely in a safety vessel, additional on-water support provided to assist other vessels involved in the collision in returning to shore.

Dial 000 & Communications:

- CYCSA Directors tasked with dialing Triple Zero, if required
- CYCSA Directors also notify the City of PAE event team.
- CYCSA Directors to ensure primary thoroughfare of the Event pontoons are clear of bystanders and accessible to emergency services, if required.
- CYCSA Directors ensure the boom gate at the west end of Fisherman's Wharf Market car park is open and accessible for ambulance and emergency services, if required.

Next steps:

- Any persons in danger brought to Event pontoons if safe to do so and assistance from Event First Aid able to be provided on the pontoons.
- Await arrival of emergency services while continuing First Aid, if required.

Event directives:

- CYCSA Directors to decide if on-water activity needs to be postponed or if competition can safely resume.
- Sailing participants asked to remain in their vessels and await further instructions.
- Paddling and swimming participants asked to stay clear of the emergency response, slowly make their way to the fingers of the Event pontoons and await further instructions.

On-Water Medical Emergencies:

(Health or medical issue impacting an on-water participant)

First response:

- Communication over radio (VHF Channel 72).
- Rescue vessel attends the incident location ASAP.
- Assist any persons experiencing a health or medical issue and bring them into the rescue vessel, either by retrieving them from the water or from another vessel.
- Administer first aid if required.
- Once any persons requiring medical attention are safely in a safety vessel, additional on-water support provided to assist other vessels nearby, if required.

Dial 000 & Communications:

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- CYCSA Directors also notify the City of PAE event team, if required.
- CYCSA Directors to ensure primary thoroughfare of the Event pontoons are clear of bystanders and accessible to emergency services, if required.
- CYCSA Directors ensure the boom gate at the west end of Fisherman's Wharf Market car park is open and accessible for ambulance and emergency services, if required.

Next steps:

- Any persons requiring medical treatment or attention brought to Event pontoons urgently and assistance from Event First Aid able to be provided on the pontoons.
- Await arrival of emergency services while continuing First Aid, if required.

Event directives:

- CYCSA Directors to decide if on-water activity needs to be postponed or if competition can safely resume.
- Sailing participants asked to remain in their vessels and await further instructions.
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Evacuation Locations








- The primary evacuation point for on-water activity is the Event Pontoons located at the Queens Wharf location, which is on the waterfront side of the Quest Hotel and at the western end of the Fisherman's Wharf Market building.
- If in the event of an emergency, the wind strength and direction is not favourable for the Queens Wharf pontoons, then the Cruickshanks Beach location in front of the Birkenhead Tavern is also a possible evacuation point.
- As a last resort, if the wind is extremely strong and in a westerly direction, the Dock One pontoons can be used as an evacuation point in the southeastern corner of the on-water precinct.
- (See map below for evacuation points)
- In an event where participants need to be evacuated from the water, safety vessels and personnel will at all times prioritise the wellbeing of the participants over the protection of boats, infrastructure and assets.
- Once all people are accounted for and safe, or are being attended to by safety personnel and vessels, salvage operations can take place on any abandoned boats.



Medical Facilities

- All on-water safety vessels will be equipped with an appropriate first aid kit, as well as all appropriate marine safety equipment for motorboats more than 8 metres long operating in protected waters (see below).
- It is not practical for on-water safety vessels to carry defibrillators, especially given that the majority of them will not work on persons who are wet, so each boat will also be required to carry towels and be aware of the locations of all on-shore defibrillators.

Safety equipment requirement

-  Approved lifejacket per person ^
-  Bucket with line attached or bilge pump(s)
-  Fire bucket
-  Two approved fire extinguishers (if engine fitted or cooking facilities on board). [Size requirements and standards apply.](#)
-  Anchor and cable
-  Waterproof and buoyant torch (if operating at night)
-  Lifebuoy with line

Briefings and Preparation

- Each sporting club or organisation will be required to make CYCSA Directors aware of briefing and induction processes prior to an Online Safety Briefing during the week of the event.
- The Online Safety Briefing will provide clubs and organisations with all information relevant to on-water safety requirements known at the time (i.e. weather, shipping movements, etc). The Online Safety Briefing will be delivered by CYCSA on a weekday prior to the event and will also be recorded for those unable to attend.
- Briefings for competitors and participants will be held prior to the beginning of each on-water activity, each day and in regards to come and try events, will be held at the beginning of each session.
- CYCSA Directors will work closely with the CYCSA on-water safety coordinator(s) to ensure that any weather-related risks are managed appropriately in advance.

Documentation and Reporting

- All major incidents will require thorough reporting by CYCSA Directors in conjunction with the City of PAE.

Notes

This On-Water Emergency Response Plan is a dynamic document and will be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect changing circumstances in the lead up to the event.

The safety and wellbeing of all participants, spectators and competitors at the 2023 Dockside Festival remains the highest priority for the Port River Sports Festival directors and this plan serves as a foundation for effective emergency response during on-water activities.