

INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB ON-THE-WATER EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

PREREQUISITES

- Once on the water, coach(es) should assume they will not be supported by IHYC shore-side assets.
- All personnel participating in IHYC-sanctioned events have been trained on and are familiar with the procedure defined below.
- All coaches are certified in First Aid and CPR, and will serve as on-the-water First Responders.
- All coach/safety boats are properly equipped, and all coach(es) are properly outfitted.
- Coaches are within 1.5 miles of IHYC e.g. Inside Captain Harbor – outside of this range, hailing Greenwich Marine Police on VHF channel 16 may be most appropriate course of action.

PROCEDURE

Injured Sailor(s) Signal For Help

- Any sailor who experiences an accident or injury that requires assistance from the coaching staff will signal for help using a whistle and/or by slowly and repeatedly raising and lowering both arms and/or by lowering sails.

Coach(es) Assist Injured Sailor(s)

- The coach closest to those in need will proceed to the scene and render assistance.
- While enroute to the scene, communicate with other coaches (if available) via VHF radio and inform them of the nature of the emergency. Have them prepare to call for shore-side assistance.

If Required, Call 911 to Obtain Assistance from Shore-Side Emergency Personnel

- If it becomes obvious that assistance will be required from shore-side emergency personnel, direct another coach to CALL 911. If alone, direct an available sailor to board the safety boat and task them to CALL 911. Continue to render assistance to the injured sailor(s)!
- The person making the 911 call shall inform the operator of the nature of the emergency and what assistance is required. For example:

I am currently rendering assistance to an injured sailor. (*See Chart On The Reverse*)

I require the support of emergency medical personnel. I am transporting the injured sailor to the Indian Harbor Yacht Club at [710 Steamboat Rd., Greenwich CT, 06830](#).

My contact information is: _____ (*Give Cell Phone Number*) or *Waterfront Director cell 203-524-7740*.

If required, transport injured sailor(s) to the IHYC North Dock (by cranes), and inform shoreside personnel of situation

- General Manager (David) cell phone number 203-521-1481
- Marine Department Manager (Dustin) cell phone number 631-949-3262.
- Using techniques appropriate to the injury, bring the injured sailor(s) aboard the safety boat.
- Proceed at maximum safe speed (traffic dependent) to the IHYC North Dock.
- Continue to render assistance to the injured sailor(s).

Debrief incident with Waterfront Director.

OPTIONS

If IHYC Shore-Side Support Is Available

- Call for IHYC shore-side support by cell phone or VHF radio.

If Other Sailing Activity Is Occurring In The Vicinity of the Accident

- Call for support from others in the vicinity using the VHF channels and/or cell phones. (Contact information is provided on the reverse).

Captain Harbor and Detail of Indian Harbor Yacht Club



Organization	VHF Channel	Phone	Alt. Phone
Marine Police / Emergency	16	203-622-8044	911
IHYC Launch / Marine	68	203-869-2484 x19	631-949-3262
IHYC Jr Sailing	65A	203-869-2484 x31	978-846-5086
IHYC Waterfront Director	68	203-524-7740	203-869-2484 x32
Belle Haven Yacht Club	72	203-861-5353	
Riverside Yacht Club	74	203-637-1706	203-979-3860