

Incident Response

1. **RAISE THE ALARM:** The first observer of an incident should **raise the alarm**.
 - a. If you do not have a VHF radio or loudhailer, **notify the nearest race official** who does
 - b. If you have a VHF radio or loudhailer, **alert Race Control (2010 Nigel Evans) stating clearly “ALERT, ALERT”** and provide a **brief incident report**, including where known:
 - i) What has happened?
 - ii) Where?
 - iii) The number of casualties?
 - iv) The severity of injuries?
 - v) Any support required?
 - c. As soon as an incident is reported, all stations on the radio network must **minimise traffic**. **Absolute priority** is to be given to Race Control and those responding to the incident. If you have a radio, **listen out** to make sure that Race Control has heard & is responding.
2. **LIFE SAVING:** Proceed to **take any immediate life-saving measures within their competence**. However, remember that it is counter-productive for rescuers to expose themselves to unnecessary risks.
3. **TAKE CONTROL:** The first radio-equipped race official to arrive at the scene of an incident is to **take initial control** of the incident. **Do not assume** that others are dealing with an incident just because there are a lot of people about. **Do not overcrowd** the site, but do check that the occurrence is being managed. As soon as immediate life-saving measures are in hand, Race Control is to be notified (by VHF radio / loudhailer) by **providing an update to the earlier incident report**.
4. **PREVENT FURTHER ACCIDENTS:** Race Control may **stop racing** and control crews as appropriate. Coxswains and crews must strictly obey instructions given by race officials
5. **SAFETY ADVISOR (2010 Steve Mortimer or Paul Barczok*):** Race Control will **send the Safety Advisor to any serious incident**. Once he/she has arrived on site and briefed, **the Safety Advisor becomes Controller for the incident** and will co-ordinate the work of the emergency services on site. The **Safety Advisor will summon additional emergency support** via radio, marine radio, or telephone as follows: (*or others from safety group David Vaughan, Ray Edworthy, Steve Adams)
 - a. For medical assistance: alert the Medical services
 - b. For serious water-borne incident: alert Coastguard.
 - c. For serious land-based incident: contact Emergency Services (999) by telephone.
 - d. For incidents with mass casualties: contact 999 and notify appropriate emergency services
 - e. “rescuing boat” to tell services that any casualties will be delivered to the lifeboat slip.....TQ148EW.
6. **DOCUMENTATION:** The RTRC “**Incident Report Form**” is to be completed by those involved in the incident and the Safety Advisor as soon as safely possible ideally within 1 day with entry made in the accident book in case of injury. The safety file including the accident book is held at the harbour office on Teignmouth docks.

Failure of Radio Communications

1. If radio communications fail during an incident, race personnel will alert Race Control via loudhailer, or failing that, mobile telephone.
2. If radio communications fail during the race, the Chairman of the Race Committee and Safety Advisor will agree a course of action, which may be to suspend the race until the problem is resolved.
3. Race Control will ensure that relevant contacts and numbers (listed below) are available at all times.

Contact Numbers

Emergency (ask for “ Fire ”, “ Police ”, “ Ambulance ”, or “ Coast Guard ” for RNLI)	Telephone: Dial 999 or coastguard 01803 882704 Marine Radio: Channel 16
Race Controller& Chairman of Race committee – Nigel Evans & Dave Salter	Nigel 07989 258380 (mobile) Dave 07791 405374 (mobile)
Race committee/race officials Nigel Evans Dave Salter Nigel Potts Ray Edworthy Others may be nominated on the day	
Safety Group Chair – David Vaughan Safety Group Ray Edworthy (main committee member) Paul Barczok Graham (Bill) Belton Steve Adams – for cox register etc..	Steve Mortimore 0797 0553849 (mobile) Paul Barczok 07831 801288 (mobile)
Accident & Emergency, Torbay General District Hospital	01803 614567 main switchboard