

**SAFETY PLAN & INSTRUCTIONS IN THE EVENT OF AN
EMERGENCY 2009**

FOR OFFICIALS

AT

GLOUCESTER BELL BOATS

1. In the event of an accident, the first duty is to the safety of the competitor or any person in difficulty.
2. All racing to be stopped immediately. The nearest marshal to inform the Start, before alert the Safety Boats & Medical Support.

Radio Circuits

Channel 1: marshals, safety boats and safety advisor.

Channel 2: assistants (start, finish, 1, 2, & 3/commentary) and secretary

3. Inform the Safety Advisor and Secretary. Give as much information of the incident as soon as possible. Be clear and concise and keep the radio messages brief.
4. The Safety Advisor will take charge of the incident.
5. Capsized crews should stay with their boat until the Safety Boat arrives unless instructed otherwise.
6. Medical Support must check all involved in the incident, then wet crewmembers must shower if cleared by Medical Support.
7. Any Person with a spinal injury should not be moved. If they are in the water they should be supported until the Emergency services arrive. It will be necessary to call the Fire Service who will use a spinal board and lift the person from the water.
8. In the event that the Emergency Services are summoned, a responsible person will be sent to liaise with the Emergency vehicle sent. That person will then meet the vehicle and direct it / its operators to the location of the incident.
9. If the weather is inclement and there is danger of an Emergency Vehicle becoming stuck in mud, the Emergency Services should be advised at the time of the 999 call and arrangements made to meet the casualty at the club (if appropriate to move them)
10. Racing will not resume until the Safety Advisor and Race Committee are satisfied that it is safe to do so.