

OARCA Coastal Rowing Club Emergency Action Plan - Tulista

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

- For Marine Emergency, request assistance on VHF Channel 16, or
- Dial 9-1-1 on a mobile phone or landline, or
- Joint Rescue Coordination Centre – 250-413-8933 or Cell: #727

COMPOUND ADDRESS

TULISTA PARK BOAT LAUNCH

Tulista Park,
9565 Fifth St,
Sidney

AFTER calling 9-1-1 and within a reasonable timeframe, please contact the first OARCA representative on this list. Should that individual NOT answer the phone, please proceed down the list to the next contact.

Vice President	Brenda Taylor (lives nearest to Tulista)	250-880-2798
President	Marla Weston	250-217-0688
Secretary	Janice Mason	250-418-1294
Treasurer	Ian Graeme	778-533-0765
Director	Michelle Boss	250-818-8865

(Current as of April 1, 2024)

AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT

First Aid Supplies:

- A basic first aid kit is located in the compound bin or storage shed.

NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

No matter how insignificant the injury may seem, driving someone off-site (i.e. to a hospital or medical clinic) carries GREAT MEDICAL RISK to the injured and GREAT LEGAL RISK to the driver. Please call an ambulance or have an immediate family member/legal guardian drive him/her instead.

Nearest Medical Centre

- **Saanich Peninsula Hospital**

2166 Mt. Newton X Road
Saanichton, BC
Phone: 250-544-7676

Emergency Room Hours: 7am – 10pm every day

- If after Saanich Peninsula Emergency Room hours, then go to

- Victoria General Hospital
1 Hospital Way, Victoria
Phone: (250) 727-4212

- Royal Jubilee Hospital
1952 Bay St, Victoria
Phone: (250) 370-8000

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

CHARGE PERSON

- The most qualified first aider on-site (based on level of certification/training)
- CHECKS SCENE FOR DANGERS TO SELF AND OTHERS
- PUTS ON GLOVES
- Assesses ABCs (airway, breathing, circulation - does the person have an open airway, are they breathing, is their heart beating, are they bleeding?) of the individual(s) and decides if advanced medical help is required
- Makes sure the person is not moved until certain that no serious injury has occurred (as deemed by a medical professional), or immobilizes the individual in case of severe injury/condition
- Directs the Call Person to call 9-1-1, if required
- Performs any first aid that is required based on level of training. If the person is responsive, you **must** get their permission (consent) before giving care.
- Waits with the injured person until the ambulance arrives and the injured person is transported to a hospital
- Fills in injury and incident report forms

CALL PERSON

- Dials 9-1-1 for emergency as directed by the Charge Person
- Provides dispatch with all necessary information (e.g. facility location, nature of injury, what, if any, first aid has been provided)
- Clears any traffic from the entrance/access road before the ambulance arrives
- Waits at the road entrance to direct the ambulance when it arrives
- If possible, calls the injured person's Emergency Contact listed in the boat sign-out sheet once paramedics have provided appropriate information as to which hospital the individual is being transported
- Calls the first OARCA representative listed in the Emergency Action Plan when time permits

CONTROL PERSON

- Controls the crowd including concerned rower's crewmates
- Recruits help at the scene if needed
- Helps the Charge Person as asked

9-1-1 Script

Follow the 9-1-1 dispatcher's prompts

IF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY ASK FOR AN AMBULANCE. FOR OTHER EMERGENCIES ASK FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT OR POLICE AS APPROPRIATE.

My name is _____.

We are located at the Tulista Park Boat Launch in Sidney. The address is Tulista Park, 9565 Fifth St, Sidney.

The phone number I am calling from is _____(give your number).

There is an injured person who needs medical attention/ boat rescue, etc. He/She is currently located _____ and is being provided first aid by _____(name of person).

We are sending _____ (name of person) to meet the ambulance at the road entrance to the Tulista Boat Ramp.

Ask the dispatcher how long until the ambulance crew arrives and provide that information to the Charge Person asap.

DO NOT HANG UP

Stay on the line and answer any questions asked by the dispatcher. Provide dispatch with an alternate phone number in case you're accidentally cut off.

DO NOT USE A PERSONAL VEHICLE TO DRIVE AN INDIVIDUAL TO THE HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL CLINIC; WAIT FOR THE PROFESSIONALS TO ARRIVE.

MAYDAY - VHF CHANNEL 16

It is illegal to use a VHF radio without a Restricted Operator Certificate – Marine (ROC-M) in Canada. However, an exception will almost certainly be made in the case of an emergency. To contact the Coast Guard, change to Channel 16 on the VHF radio and say:

"MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."

"This is a rowing boat. This is a rowing boat. This is a rowing boat."

REPORT YOUR LOCATION. For example: "We are approximately 1 kilometer off the northwest tip of James Island."

REPORT THE NATURE OF THE EMERGENCY. For example: "One of our rowers is having cardiac issues. We need medical assistance" or "We struck a log and are sinking. We need help."

REPORT BOAT DESCRIPTION. For example: "Our boat is a large, red coastal rowing boat for 5 people."

REPORT YOUR STATUS. For example: "We are trying to make it to James Island to start CPR." or "We are in the water, wearing life jackets and holding onto the boat."

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OVER

Wait for a response. If there is none, repeat the message.