

## **Snake Island Nanaimo (SIN) Regatta Safety Plan**

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While sailboat racing can be risky, all boats participating in our regatta have experienced crews sailing in boats far better equipped with safety gear than boats that only adhere to standard Canadian Coast Guard equipment requirements.

Also, crews are familiar with, and have practised, man overboard drills, fire drills and have well-maintained first aid kits with at least one crew member who is familiar with marine first aid.

All boats have competed in events when there is light winds, heavy winds and are familiar with spending a lot of time on the water in varying conditions.

Given the high competence of the crews and the well-equipped and well-prepared boats, there are at least four boats keeping an eye on them, always ready to provide assistance in the case of a mishap.

Boat one: The race committee and signals boat. This boat starts and finishes races. It always monitors the VHF race frequencies plus VHF16 in case any boat finds itself challenged

Boat two: Stays close to the main boat. Fast and fully equipped for emergencies. The primary job is to adjust the marks of the race for the Martin 242 fleet.

Boat three: Stays close to the pin end of the start line.

Boat four: Stays close to other fleets away from Boat one, mainly the PHRF and cruising fleets. Fast boat fully equipped for emergencies.

Boat five: A boat anchored within a nautical mile of Boat one. Its job is to finish boats in fleets other than that finished by Boat one. This vessel is a slow steel sailboat skippered by an experienced offshore racer. It can monitor or relay emergency radio traffic.

All boats monitor VHF 16.

Racing area: Southeast of Protection and Newcastle Islands. Snake Island, Five Fingers Island, Hudson Rocks may be in play. If conditions permit, some fleets may be sent to Halibut Bank buoy, around Entrance Island or north to Maude Island.

Start/finish area may be near Angle Point on Newcastle island.

No marks will be set in the vicinity of the Gabriola ferry routes.

In case of an emergency call from any boat, the nearest fast boat will respond and will relay situation reports to Principle Race Officer on Boat one OR directly with Victoria Coast Guard depending on severity.

If evacuation of person(s) necessary, we will contact Victoria Coast Guard/RCM-SAR and determine closest evacuation point, most likely NYC where an ambulance may be met.