

Snake Island Nanaimo (SIN) Regatta Safety Plan

June 30 to July 2, 2023

Nanaimo Yacht Club
Bill Brekelmans, event chair
Ken Lott, Principle Race Officer

While sailboat racing can be risky, all boats participating in our regatta have experienced crews sailing in boats equipped with, or better than, safety gear adhering 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 boats keeping an eye on them, always ready to provide assistance in the case of a mishap.

Primary: 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

Secondary: Stays close to the main boat. Fast and fully equipped for emergencies.

Both boats monitor VHF 16.

Racing area: Southeast of Protection and Newcastle Islands. Snake Island, Five Fingers Island, Hudson Rocks to the north and islands to Mistaken Island may be in play. To the south, Entrance 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.