INTERNATIONAL YACHT CLUB OF B.C.

Race Day Safety Plan

In the event of an emergency:

1. If on the water the Race Officer (RO) is in charge of coordinating all water rescue/emergency operations. **Note that at all times the Skipper of the vessel with the emergency remains responsible for the safety of the crew and vessel.**

2. No races will be started until the emergency is cleared. If necessary races will be abandoned to ensure the safety of competitors.

3. In the event of an emergency:
   a. **Send out a distress (May Day) call on Channel 16.**
   b. ***16 on the cell phone will put you through to the Canadian Coast Guard.**
   c. Be clear in stating the nature of the emergency, including:
      - Name of vessel
      - Nature of emergency
      - Location of vessel
      - Injuries
      - Number of people on board (injured and not injured)
      - Damage
      - Equipment failure
   d. **Inform the Race Officer of the situation on Channel 72,** with the same information as above.
   e. Note that the most likely response will be by the Crescent Beach Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. It typically takes them 20-25 minutes to assemble the crew, and about 20 minutes to get from Crescent Beach around to Semiahmoo Bay.

4. If necessary you may need to land an injured person yourself:

a. **AMERICAN CITIZEN:** If the injured person in an **American citizen** with medical insurance in the US it may be most desirable to land the person at the Visitors Dock at the Blaine Harbor. Contact the marina to let them know that you are landing someone. **Phone 360- 647-6176**. If there is no response at this number, call 360-303-7110. The address of Blaine Harbor is: 235 Marine Drive, Blaine, WA.

b. **CANADIAN CITIZEN:** If the injured person is a **Canadian citizen** with medical insurance in Canada it may be most desirable to land the person at White Rock Pier. **Dial 911** and tell them to have the ambulance meet your boat at the Customs Dock at the end of White Rock Pier. If you have made a distress call the Canadian Coast Guard will probably already have made these arrangements – but verify this with them directly on Channel 16. If the person sailed out of Blaine, phone Canada Customs at 1-888-226-7277 and report the situation. Note that when returning to Blaine you will have to re-enter the US, as normal.

5. **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**:

Blaine Harbor: 1-360-647-6176
US Customs: 1-800-562-5943
Or: 1-360-332-6318

Canada Customs: 1-888-226-7277

Race Director (Roger Gibb) Cell Phone: 604 209 7649