



Name of Org: Emergency Card

Address, phone number(s), Lat/Long

Emergency or Life Threatening Injury - Steps

1. **Render assistance**
2. **Make contact** with coaches or program staff for assistance
3. **Call for Help & Emergency Medical Attention:** *(Who to call and order should be customized for location.)*
 - o **9-1-1**
 - o **Harbor Master:** VHF#16, xxx-xxx-xxxx
 - o **Local US Coast Guard:** VHF#16, xxx-xxx-xxxx
 - o **Main Office:** VHF #, xxx-xxx-xxxx
4. **Monitor and administer first-aid** *(List AED locations, boats with AED, etc.)*
5. **Send someone** to meet/direct Emergency vehicles
6. **Transfer** injured to care of Emergency Team
7. **Debrief and inform** key people: Commodore, GM, Sailing Director, family of injured
8. **Complete an incident report**

Be prepared to tell 9-1-1:

- **Current location** of injured person
- **Description of boats** (if requesting on-water help)
- **Where you plan to bring injured person ashore** (see below)
- **Age/gender/number** of injured people
- **Type of injury/situation**
- **Your name and call back number**

Emergency Response Pick-Up Locations:



	Name	Description	Address	Cross Street	Lat/Long
A	Location Name 1	Describe...	# Street, Town, State	Street	
B	Location Name 2	Describe...	# Street, Town, State	Street	
C	Location Name 3	Describe...	# Street, Town, State	Street	

Emergency Numbers	Organization's Numbers
911	Main Number: xxx-xxx-xxxx, VHF#
Harbor Master: VHF#16, xxx-xxx-xxxx	Launch: xxx-xxx-xxxx, VHF#
Harbor Police: VHF#16, xxx-xxx-xxxx	General Manager: xxx-xxx-xxxx
Local Coast Guard: VHF#16, xxx-xxx-xxxx	Commodore/President: xxx-xxx-xxxx
Local Fire: xxx-xxx-xxxx	Sailing Director: xxx-xxx-xxxx

Date of most recent revision: _____





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Overview: The Emergency Card Template gives clubs and community sailing programs a strong starting point from which to create an Emergency Card for their specific location. This template has been developed collaboratively with input from safety experts at Gowrie Group, US Sailing, and sailing programs across the country. *To obtain an editable Word Document copy of this template, email burgee@gowrie.com.*

Posting of Emergency Card: Your card should be posted prominently in multiple locations at your facility – near the phones/VHF, dock office, front office, etc. It should also be laminated and given to your on-the-water staff and attached to each safety boat, coach boat, launch, and/or RC boat. Some programs find it helpful to convert their emergency plan into a waterproof sticker which they affix to each boat. It may also be appropriate to share a copy with your members and/or to post to your website.

Determining who to call first and where to go ashore: Take the time to team with your local Coast Guard and/or fire department to get input - every location is different.

- **Major Harbor Example:** Sailing programs located in major harbors may find that a call on VHF#16 to the Harbor Master and/or local US Coast Guard is the best first call. These resources tend to be on duty 24/7 and are equip to quickly respond to an on-the-water emergency by boat. Do your research and find out.
- **Small Harbor Example:** Programs located on small lakes or small harbors may find that calling 9-1-1 or the local emergency number for their fire station is the best first call. Do your research and find out.
- **Where to Go Ashore:** Include multiple possible locations to bring an injured person ashore; factors to consider include location of the incident, ease of transfer, tide, traffic, weather, and more.
- **9-1-1:** In some locations, calling 9-1-1 on a cell phone may result in reaching a dispatch station located in a different town/state. Make sure the caller specifies the location (city, state, Lat/Long) where help is needed.

Review & Practice: Annually, this Emergency Card should be reviewed, revised, and practiced.

Delete this page when your Emergency Card is customized/complete.

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