



OFFICIAL SUPPORT BOAT COMMUNICATION PROCEDURE

General Operating Procedures:

- No alcohol is to be consumed by the operator of any support boat
- Test your radio(s) prior to the race (preferably with RWO Race Control) to ensure good communications
- Have the appropriate official RWO flag for your specific duties
- Communication is crucial during an incident and all communications will be given a time stamp
- Maintain the ABC's of communication: Accuracy, Brevity and Clarity
- Stay on your assigned channel. Do not broadcast/announce RWO Race Control frequencies over the radio
- RWO Race Control will only announce "ALTERNATE FREQUENCY" to change channels, be familiar with this procedure
- Listen carefully to the radio. Do not "step on" or try to talk over another person transmitting
- RWO Race Control can get very busy during an incident. Be patient as they control several different radios and you may be told to "stand by" in order to accommodate more important radio traffic
- If a race boat has an accident, call RWO Race Control, advise the name and number on the boat and if they stuffed, rolled over, etc
- Remember to keep the operating VHF channel clear for emergency traffic
- Avoid any condition that may create an open "mic" station
- Stay on station until after the race boats have cleared the race course and you are released by RWO Race Control
- Stoppage or early termination of the race will be indicated by a red flag

Turn Boat Channel 78A alternate 68A:

- Display an official RWO orange flag - Arrive on station 1 hour prior to each race. Report "ON STATION"
- May have up to 2 (two) scorers on board and may have 1 (one) manatee/turtle observer

Patrol Boat Channel 78A alternate 68A:

- Display an official RWO patrol flag - Arrive on Station 1 hour prior to each race. Report "ON STATION"
- Assist in maintaining a secure perimeter by keeping spectator boats away from the race course
- Notify RWO Race Control of any incident that may affect the safe and continued operation of the race

Medical Rescue Boat Channel 10 alternate 12:

- Display an official RWO Medical Flag - Arrive on station 1 hour prior to each race
- Maintain vigilance and act to facilitate any assistance necessary to ensure the safety and well being of race crews
- Attend a safety briefing as designated by the Administration
- Mandatory reports to RWO Race Control - The operator of any rescue boat shall adhere to the following mandatory reports or designate a suitable responsible person to perform these duties
 - Report of an incident and location that may require assistance
 - In route to that incident
 - Arrival at the incident
 - Divers deployed
 - Divers contact with crew
 - Divers/crew recovered

Contact Race Control - 954-536-6955

