Tampa Bay Frogman Swim

S.M.E.A.C.

(Emergency Action Plan/Communications)

**Situation**

Distressed Swimmer; Hypothermia, Heart Attack, Near-drowning, cramping, exhaustion

**Mission**

Remove swimmer from water immediately as quickly, and safely as possible to be assessed and, if necessary treated by professional, on site medical provider. If situation is escalated, swimmer transported, as scenario dictates to nearest medical facility.

**Execution**

Kayakers, tending boats, MD/RN boat, and race staff coordinate, in the event of a distressed swimmer scenario from a procedure that is simple, effective and clearly communicated in an optimum timeframe.

***Procedure:***

* ***10 Second response***; Distressed swimmer raises hand and places on swim cap
* Kayaker, responds with raised paddle
* ***Within 20 seconds***, tending boats (there will be 5, in addition to paddle boarders) to respond to signaling kayak; kayaker should support swimmer to hold on to kayak while boat responds. Boat movement must move no closer than 20 yards within swimmer line, as not to drive over other swimmers.
* Two “lifters” will be stationed in each boat to safely extract/assist swimmer from water into boats (each boat equipped with blankets, water, towels). At this time, using Channel 69, Boat driver will be in contact with MD boat, which will remain on station and prepared to transit to boat ramp. MD or RN will

Marry up with tending boat for transport to CG Auxiliary boat ramp.

* The level of transportation, medical emergency dictating, to be determined by MD/RN. This is communicated using Channel 69 (and/or cel phone).
* Course is 5K, or 3 miles.

1. If distressed swimmer is identified from start to last bouy of boat channel, tending boat will return to start.
2. If distressed swimmer is identified between last bouy and sand bar (1 mile mark), tending boat will return to start.
3. If distressed swimmer is identified on sandbar to final turn mark; this is a distance of approximately 2 miles with MD boat centered within this segment; tending boat will marry up with MD boat at center of course.
4. MD boat is located in deep enough water, and is a fast moving boat that can accommodate a quick transit to the Gandy Boat ramp, at which place, a medical vehicle (auto or airlift) will be able to meet MD boat’s arrival at ramp.

-***Kayaker*** must keep “eyes on swimmer” and communicate (and receive a reply of an “OK” sign) with swimmer throughout swim.

***MD/RN Medical boat***; This boat is centered at the halfway point of the course and is stationary. The only distance this boat will cover is from the center point of the course in to the Gandy Boat ramp (taking caution that as it transits, it is stationed to the NORTH of the swimmer line avoiding cutting across the swimmer line) to an awaiting, previously signaled emergency transport; by land or air. Staffing; at least the MD or Emergency response trained RN. Ideally both, two lifters, and our emergency response/admin coordinator (Doug Santo)

***Tender boat:*** Five total boats, equipped with a driver, lifeguard and one lifter to be stationed, two (between start and center course), and two (between center point and finish). These boats are to remain on course until the final swimmer has passed and is closer to the next tending boat, and/or dismissed by roving course manager (Kurt Ott).

***Paddle boarders***; Same signal as kayakers when responding to a distressed swimmer. Raise paddle high in the air until tending boat has moved in your direction.

**Communication (Command and Control)**

* Monitor Channel 69
* Race Director; Rory O’Connor (727) 421-0068, Kurt Ott (727) 580-0059
* Finish/Start area doctor, Glenn Paige, MD (828) 238-0047
* Course Manager, Tim Anderson (321) 321-7726
* Medical Coordinator (on water); Doug Santo (727) 804-8653
* On water doctor, Tom Leonard, MD (727) 501-4242
* Bayflight 3 Base: 813-870-4447

***Boat Support* – Monitor Channel 69**

* 22’ Boston Whaler - COMMAND BOAT - Kurt Ott 727-580-0059
* 212 Mako - Brian Ellis 813-850-7220
* 23’ Dauntless - Glenn Domchick 727-238-9839
* 2201 Mako - Ed Veprovsky  516.987.8887
* 1901 Mako – Greg Anthony 813-382-2322
* 22’ Dauntless – Bill Kuhn 813-478-8115
* 28’ Baja – Sean Gucken 727-431-2011
* 37’ Outrage –MEDICAL BOAT- Keith Lake 727-638-3899
  + Tom Leonard, MD (727) 501-4242
  + Bayflite Nurse: Christine Pifer: 727-410-2668
  + Medical Coordinator (on water); Doug Santo (727) 804-8653
* 28’ ProKat –RESCUE DIVER BOAT - Ben Hayes 727 410-7658
  + Certified Rescue Diver
  + AED (defibrillator)
  + First Aid
  + Oxygen (w/ MTV)
  + Life Sling
* USCG Auxiliary Monitor and control recreational boat traffic in shipping channel
* FWC Boat Patrolling course