

Every COB situation is different but it is potentially a MAYDAY situation; however, since there are crew, other race boats and potentially RC assets in close proximity to the victim who can better to assess the situation as whether to an immediate MAYDAY broadcast is warranted.

Guidelines:

On board the boat with the COB situation:

- Get control of the boat. Follow the regular crew procedures established for the boat – appoint a spotter, take down sails and return to COB location.
- Communicate: If possible, inform the RC that there is COB situation, state your position, boat number and what type of assistance is required (default is you require assistance)
  - “this is boat #, boat#, boat#”
  - “COB in vicinity of XXX”
  - “Assistance is required”
- Communicate with the RC when the situation is resolved

COB (victim in the water):

- Make yourself heard (whistle) and visible (wave hands) especially if you are in the vicinity of other race boats.

On Another Boat:

- If you see a COB situation and the boat with the COB has **not** hailed the RC. Hail the RC and report to the RC that there is a COB situation, identify your boat number and the COB’s position
  - “this is boat #, boat #, boat #”
  - “COB from boat #... in vicinity of XXX”
  - “Assistance is required”
- Abandon racing activities
- Stand by on the radio and monitor to see if any assistance is required

Race Committee

- Once RC receives the notice of a COB situation, **the Principal Race Officer (PRO) will immediately abandon the race and assess the situation.**
- RC will relay information to authorities available assets to provide assistance
- All RC assets should be deployed to assist (default is assistance is required)
- Signal to the fleet that the race is abandoned
- All communication amongst the fleet should be co-ordinated by the RC

All Other Competitors

- Upon hearing the COB hail, **all other boats should immediately abandon the race**
- Stand by on the radio and monitor to see if any assistance is required
- Keep the radio channels clear
- Stand by to assist