

Pittwater Sailors

2025 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURE

(Updated: January 2025)

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If a vessel is involved in an incident that requires emergency assistance, the skipper is to first determine the severity of the incident and promptly decide on the appropriate emergency call. In doing so, the skipper is to follow the standard marine emergency call procedures:

- **MAY DAY CALL** – If a vessel or person is in grave and imminent danger and requires immediate assistance. The skipper to immediately dial '000' and ask for Water Police and then make a May Day distress call on VHF Channel 16 and advise your situation.
- **PAN PAN CALL** – If a vessel or person is **not** in grave or imminent danger and the skipper determines a May Day distress call is not justified, but the vessel or person requires prompt assistance, the skipper to dial '000' and ask for Water Police and then make a Pan Pan call on VHF Channel 16 and advise your situation.
- **OTHER ASSISTANCE**
If the incident does not merit a May Day or Pan Pan call and urgent assistance is not required, but the crew is still in need of some assistance to safeguard the boat and crew, such as immobile and drifting, the skipper is to call '000' and ask for Water Police.

Note: The Water Police is the primary agency responsible for coordinating any emergency response and in each case is the first point of contact for emergency assistance.

When able to do so, the skipper to inform the Sailing Officer on the Start Boat on Channel 72 or by mobile phone of the incident.

ONBOARD RESPONSE

In the event where persons are injured or boats have collided, the onboard crews will render whatever assistance is required.

In doing so, the crews to:

- Quickly investigate the situation and follow the above Emergency Response Procedure
- Where possible make the area safe.
- If there is an injury, check the severity of the injury.
- Check crew for further injuries.
- If conscious and safe, provide primary treatment to the injured.

The NSW Water Police will coordinate the Emergency Response for boats requiring external medical assistance or requiring assistance when in grave or imminent danger to the safety of the vessel or crew, including to which Ambulance Pick-Up point in Pittwater.

The PAC Start Boat or PAC yachts may be requested to provide assistance in non-emergency situations and/or as directed by the Emergency Services.

At all times it is a requirement PAC be contacted to advise that an incident has occurred no matter the type or severity.

ROAD AND MARITIME SERVICES REPORT IN CASE OF AN ON-WATER INCIDENT

It is a NSW legislative requirement that those parties involved in an incident occurring during an on-water event to report it to NSW Roads and Maritime Services using the RMS "Reporting a Sailing Incident Form", within 24 hours of occurrence, if there was:

- any person injured and medical treatment was required.
- damage that affected any of the involved vessels' seaworthiness.
- a commercial vessel was involved.
- damage exceeding 10% of the value of ANY vessel

A copy of the RMS Reporting a Sailing Incident Form is also to be submitted to the PAC Sailing Captain. The key objective of this Sailing Incident Report is to ensure the cause of the incident is properly identified and there is a systematic approach to dealing with it to minimise adverse impact on all involved in the incident and with PAC.

SAILING COMMITTEE TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Sailing Captain	John Marshal	0419 764 952	Committee	Gerald Nathan	0408 421 021
Sailing Officer	Ron Seldon	0417 351 399	Treasurer	Kim Russell	0490 347 465
Handicapper	Len Baille	0410 599 165			

BACK UP CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS:

Broken Bay Water Police on (02) 9910 7899 or 0412 162 093

Broken Bay Marine Rescue on 9973 9200.



Pittwater Aquatic Club

2 The Esplanade, Mona Vale. Ph. 9999 4059

EMERGENCY GUIDE FOR BROKEN BAY IN AN EMERGENCY CALL '000'

WATER POLICE BB: 0412 162 093
WATER POLICE BB: 9910 7899
MONA VALE POLICE: 9997 1444

ROADS & MARITIME: 13 22 13
MARINE RESCUE BB: 9973 9200
POISONS ADVICE 13 11 26

AMBULANCE PICK UP POINTS

A TAYLORS POINT WHARF

Lot 7 132 Taylors Point Road, CLAREVILLE
Cross street - Hudson Parade

B CAREEL BAY WHARF

4 George Street, AVALON
Cross street - Therry Street

C PALM BEACH FERRY WHARF

1151 Barrenjoey Road, PALM BEACH
Cross street - Palm Beach Road

D PITTWATER AQUATIC CLUB

2 The Esplanade MONA VALE
Cross street - Waterview Street

E CHURCH POINT WHARF

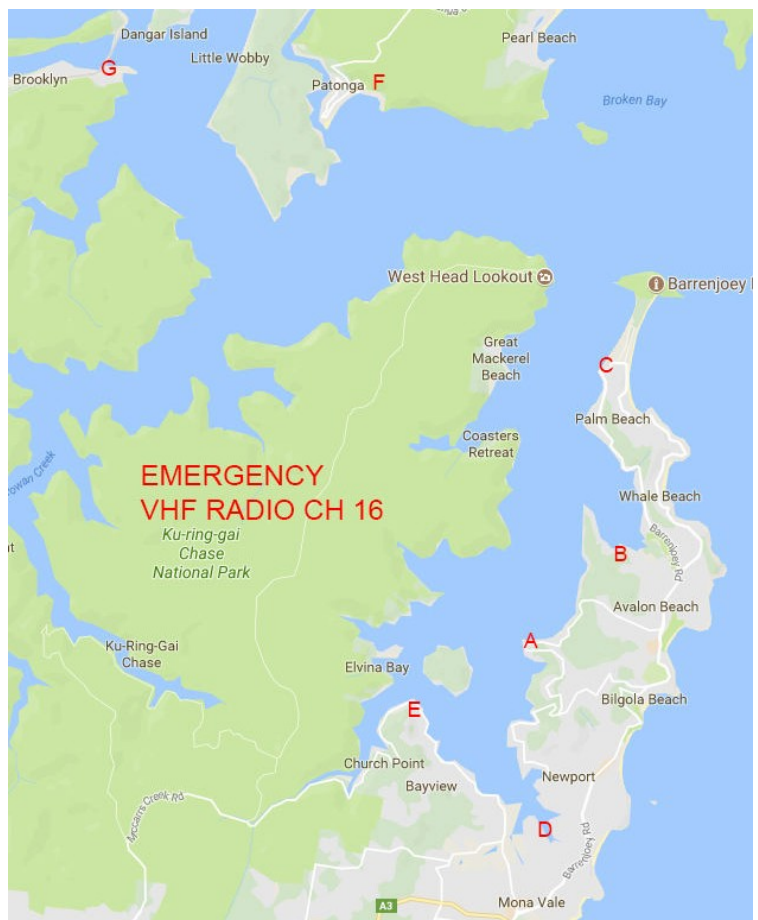
1860 Pittwater Road, CHURCH POINT
Cross street - McCarrs Creek Road

F PATONGA BEACH WHARF

6/8 Patonga Drive, PATONGA
Cross street - Bay Street

G BROOKLYN WHARF

7 Dangar Road, BROOKLYN
Cross street - Karoola Street



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YOUR LOCATION AND YOUR CONTACT DETAILS**