
BAREFOOT

SAFETY BOAT ACTION PLAN

The operation and responsibilities of the chase/safety boat will be explained to the driver and 1st response personnel.

1. The chase/safety boat will be the first response to an injured skier. The driver will radio towboat re: status of skier and if medical attention is needed. The 1st response personnel will provide in-water assistance until medical aid arrives.
2. Towboat to respond quickly to dock to pick up St. John personnel and/or qualified medical personnel and medical equipment (spinal board, neck brace, etc.).
3. St. John personnel or qualified medical personnel or tournament official to assess injuries and recommend action.
4. Tournament official in towboat or chase/safety boat to radio, "call person" to request an ambulance (if needed) and provide any necessary information as per skier's condition. Emergency information numbers are listed in Emergency Action Plan binder – under tournament site tab. Emergency Protocol System to be followed.
5. Injured skier is attended to or stabilized until further medical aid is provided.
6. St. John personnel, paramedics and officials transfer skier to waiting ambulance.
7. Any safety concerns are to be addressed before tournament proceeds.

Note:

Life jackets or personal flotation devices will be available for in-water assistance by medical personnel and worn at all times by the 1st response person in chase/safety boat.

Under no circumstances will an injured skier be lifted passively over the side of the boat.

Safety boat personnel should be ideally trained in Emergency First Aid, Emergency Resuscitation and Water Rescue techniques using a spinal board.

Spinal board is to be carried in chase/safety boat at all times.

In absence of St. John or qualified medical personnel at tournament the most qualified Ontario Barefoot Council official is to assess injuries and recommend action.

In absence of chase/safety boat the towboat will respond to the injured skier and radio for assistance.