

# **EDSC Emergency Procedure for Serious Accidents and Incidents on the water involving persons**

In the event of a serious accident or incident on the water the following procedure shall be followed:

- 1) The safety boat crew shall make the affected person comfortable and give First Aid if competent to do so. Priority should be given to the affected person without compromising the safety of others.
- 2) The safety boat crew shall inform a responsible person ashore and the Officer of the Day of the situation and request assistance via the VHF radio system on Channel 37A. In an on the water emergency requiring urgent RNLI assistance the safety boat crew shall make a MAYDAY call on Channel 16.
- 3) The safety boat crew shall bring the casualty ashore as safely and as quickly as possible. The safety of the victim and those assisting is paramount at all times.
- 4) The land based personnel shall summon the Emergency Services where necessary and advise them of the location of the incident, the condition of the injured person, whether the injured person is conscious or not and the name of the injured person if known.
- 5) The land based personnel shall arrange for assistance to recover the victim to the shore from the safety boat or rescue craft and if possible for a trained First Aider to be present when the victim is brought ashore.
- 6) The land based personnel shall arrange for the site access gate to be manned to meet the Emergency Services and to escort them to the victim.
- 7) The victim's next of kin shall be informed of the situation as soon as possible.
- 8) A trained First Aider or responsible person shall accompany the victim to hospital if there is no requirement for the Emergency Services to attend the incident.
- 9) The Officer of the Day or other responsible person shall arrange a de-brief immediately for all those concerned in the incident before they speak to anyone not involved.
- 10) The accident or incident shall be recorded in the accident book and a report of the incident filed in the Club's records.

## **EDSC Club Location**

352 Sandbanks Road, Lilliput, Poole, BH14 8HY, Dorset

**On land emergency number - 999 for Ambulance Service or Coastguard**

**On water – Mayday or Pan/Pan call on VHF channel 16**