WELCOME TO 2023 CHARLESTON RACE WEEK. This plan is to ensure that you and your crew have a safe and enjoyable regatta. We ask that you share this plan with your entire crew so that they might be prepared in case of an emergency. While Charleston Race Week will make every reasonable effort to provide a safe environment, competitors are reminded that all persons competing do so at their own risk and are solely responsible for their own safety.

Charleston Race week has a Medical Director and medical personnel from Roper St. Francis Healthcare available during the regatta. They will oversee all medical emergencies both on and off the water.

On the water, two (2) teams of medical personnel will be patrolling the race courses in designated safety boats. One (1) team will be located on the offshore courses and the other team in the harbor for the inshore courses. Each safety boat will consist of a paramedic, registered nurse and emergency kits including a spine board and heart defibrillator. Additional equipment will be located on shore in EMS vehicles.

The medical team will evaluate the severity of any injury and attempt to treat minor injuries on the water while seriously injured persons will be moved to shore for treatment.

Please refer to the adjacent instructions for emergencies.

For emergencies on the water, hail “The PRO on your race course” on the VHF channel assigned.

If able, immediately also call the Medical Officer at (843) 345-2040.

Stay calm and be ready to identify the following:
- Your Boat Name, Hull Color and Sail Number
- Your Location
- Nature of the Injury
- Crew Members Name and Information

The PRO will call the medical team either by VHS or telephone and help will be on its way.

For an emergency on land, contact the Event Director at (843) 628-5900 who will get one of the medical teams to evaluate and treat the individual.

THANKS FOR RACING AND PLEASE STAY SAFE!