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NEW ZEALAND

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Proceed with Caution Procedures

Purpose

Situations have arisen in past events where craft and or people have been stranded on the IRB race course in the direct path of rapidly approaching IRB crews, whom are unaware of the hazard that lies ahead due to the inability to see the stranded craft/person due to sea conditions, which poses significant risk to people and craft.

The purpose of this DRAFT procedure is to put in place systems to help identify these situations and immediately draw competitor's attention to the need to immediately 'throttle back' and precede with caution, in order to prevent potential collisions and harm to people and craft.

Procedure

1. **EMC/nominated officials** - Upon identifying that a person and or craft are stranded within the race arena, the following actions must be implemented as soon as practicable.
 - a) Have the starter activate the all-round RED flashing light atop of the starter pole.
 - b) Raise and wave a RED flag on shore in the affected lane, in direct line of sight of the returning IRB Driver.
 - c) Raise and wave a RED flag from an attending water safety craft.
2. **Drivers** – Upon sighting the red flashing light or waving of a red flag, drivers must throttle back and proceed to shore, unless directed to provide assistance by the designated water safety crew.

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