

# SHARK ATTACK - RISK MANAGEMENT & EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS (ERP)

## Risk Management *before* the Event

1. Entrants or their responsible guardians aware of risk and sign waiver
2. St John's Ambulance Dunsborough advised of Comp dates in advance and locations on the day
3. min 1 senior first aid holder at Comp – Name posted in Directors Tent on Comp Day
4. Raise funds to purchase two way radios for communication between water safety and Comp Director
5. Check sharksmart.com.au on Comp day
6. Shark Kit in Comp Tent: Tourniquet; Pressure Bandage (large); Absorbent Pad; Thermal Blanket; Horn in Comp Tent
7. Office holders aware of shark attack ERP

## Emergency Response Plan *during* the Event

### **Shark Sighting**

In the event of a shark sighting it is club policy that the **ALL club members exit the water immediately** whether they are surfing in a heat or free surfing. This will be signalled by the continuous blasting of the horn. We will not put our members at risk and in most cases the event will be cancelled. Once this is done the event is officially over and it is the clubs recommendation that you do not re-enter the water. If you do re-enter the water you do so at your own risk.

## Shark Attack

In the event of an attack, Comp Director oversees:

1. **Spotter** with binoculars communicates with Comp Director in Comp Tent as required. Their job is to spot and warn of sightings and/or relay vision of situation to Comp Director
2. Comp Director informed and **sounds alarm**

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3. **Water evacuation** undertaken as above
  4. **Senior 1<sup>st</sup> Aid** volunteer called over loud speaker by Comp Director
  5. **000 Ambulance** called - advise location, street name, beach name, landmarks, status of victim; Comp Director or Responsible guardian to assess whether to await Ambulance or advise Ambo's of a rendezvous point.
  6. Shark sightings should be reported to the Water Police on 9442 8600.

3. People nearby in water **lend assistance** by **getting victim onto board or ski** and **immediately stem blood loss by wrapping a leg rope tightly at least twice or applying a tourniquet** if available; Applying **indirect pressure to the femoral artery**.
4. **Water Safety** on hand & assists where possible to **stop blood loss in situ** as described above and/or **get victim to beach ASAP** where people can get the victim off the ski; keep patient on the board to use as a stretcher; communicates directly with Comp Director via 2 way radio.
5. Get Shark kit to the beach **ASAP**.
6. Keep victims **head towards beach** to maintain blood in core.
7. Keep indirect pressure on femoral artery and tighten leg rope if any spurty blood; press towel into wound to help stem any remaining flow; Apply tourniquet if only leg rope has been used.
8. Check for signs of life and **CPR** if required.
9. Remove towel if used and **apply absorbent pad and sterile pressure bandage tightly**.
10. Keep **patient warm** with thermal blanket; Rest and reassure