

SWAMPING DRILL

**There need be no alarm in the case of your crew swamping.
Remember, your boat will not sink DON'T PANIC**

Once in the water a crew should never leave the boat until rescued by another craft or until reaching the shore

Therefore it is worth repeating

NEVER LEAVE THE BOAT

When a sinking appears certain, crews should steer towards the nearest shore.

If water finally swamps your boat, quietly ease yourself into the water alongside your rigger. Make sure all crew are accounted for, **COUNT!**

DON'T sit in the boat after swamping. This will make the boat sink in the water and may frighten non swimmers and also cause major damage to the skiff.

Once in the water, hold onto your rigger, take orders from the stroke of your crew and by kicking your feet, propel your craft towards the nearest shore.

Always listen to instructions from officials and respond immediately to their requests.

BUT remember there is **NO NEED FOR PANIC** and for your own safety **NEVER LEAVE THE BOAT.**

(Issued by the Rowing Tasmania Inc as instruction to rowers for the protection of life and equipment in the event of any crew swamping)