

# Article 1.16 - Salvage and assistance

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1. In the event of an accident endangering persons on board, the boatmaster shall use every means at his disposal to save them.
2. Every boatmaster who is close to a [vessel](#) or [assembly of floating material](#) which has suffered an accident endangering persons or threatening to obstruct the [fairway](#) is required to give immediate assistance insofar as is consistent with the safety of his own vessel.