

# World Drowning Prevention Day 2026

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## Event Management Considerations

### Curriculum:

- 2-hour curriculum partially on land, partially in water
- SARIA will provide you with the steps to “Teach and Practice” our Drowning Prevention and Resuscitation Module (as developed by the ACA Safety and Rescue Committee led by committee members Dr Stephanie Lareau and Dr. Chris Davis.)
- The one GOLDEN RULE is that NOBODY (Subject or Rescuer) is permitted to be in the water without a PFD on.
- Instructor Guidance will be provided to you by July 1.

### Event Logistics:

- Waterside venue: calm protected waters
  - Ideal site: a beachfront area where your Subjects are approximately 7m/20ft from shore, have easy access into/out of the water and a clear area (sand/grass) where subjects can be transported to for removal of helmet/PFD and practicing CPR.
  - If you have a muddy area we suggest plastic sheets or tarps for subject placement.
- Recommended Instructor to Participant ratio of approximately 1:12.
- If you need event insurance in your country, you should affiliate with a HOST ORGANIZATION that can provide insurance. *This is the recommended strategy in the US.*
  - If you are limited to only doing the event with ACA insurance as provided to instructors, you will need to incorporate ACA waivers, \$10 fee per non-ACA member, and the 1:5 instructor to participant ratio.

### Staffing:

- Need one Lead Instructor
  - Will lead the delivery of curriculum, especially teaching CPR
  - Is responsible for managing registration/marketing, any required waivers or fees, delivering curriculum, and reporting participation data afterward.
- Need enough assistants to support at least a 1:12 ratio of instructors to participants
- One person needs to be certified in your country to teach CPR.
  - Jim Coffey is currently organizing a class through ECSI Training Institute for currently certified ACA instructors to become certified to teach CPR via Zoom. If you or other instructors are interested, reach out to Jim Coffey at [jim@whitewater.ca](mailto:jim@whitewater.ca) or indicate your interest on the Event Submission Form.

### Next Steps:

- Secure your venue, your team, and your host organization partners.
- Submit your [Event Submission Form by July 1](#):
  - Include estimated number of participants

- We will provide you with “Nalgene Bottle size stickers” outlining the 7 Steps to Drowning Resuscitation for Paddlers (available in both English and Spanish).
    - If you are on “the other side of the world” we will provide you with the file to print your own.
- Publicize your event through your social media networks, community etc.
- Perform your clinic
- Report your numbers.