



[16.] Hazardous Weather/Event Delay and/or Cancellation: X4CF officials may, in their sole and absolute discretion, cancel or delay the event for any reason including, but not limited to, a hazardous environment. A hazardous environment may result from weather, water, sea life, or any other condition an X4CF agent deems, and the determination of a hazardous environment rests solely in the discretion of X4CF agents and will be assessed continuously throughout the event. Participants and parties acknowledge the communication of event status is difficult and often impossible in an event of this size and nature. It is therefore the duty of the participants and parties to make every effort to obtain from a X4CF official the event status, it is not the duty or liability of X4CF agents to get this information to parties or participants, and if the environment appears hazardous the party or participant shall take all precautions necessary to preserve their safety regardless of whether the event is delayed or canceled. It can't be stressed enough, this is a large event and communication is often not possible. It is therefore the responsibility of the participant of the party to do what is necessary to preserve their safety regardless of the event status. In the event of cancellation or delay, the following shall apply:

Any notice of cancellation or delay will be broadcasted on the designated event channel, social media, and emailed to registered participants. If canceled or delayed all participants are expressly prohibited from entering ocean waters (even with a support boat) until such time that an X4CF agent announces the reinstatement of the event. All participants must board their respective support boat without exception.

Participants shall only re-enter ocean waters if and only if X4CF officials announce on the designated radio channel the event is officially resumed. It is expressly understood by all participants, parties, captains and crew that the cancellation or delay or reinstatement of the event does not ensure their safety, and all must determine in their own judgment whether to participate under the given conditions based on factors including but not limited to the seaworthiness of their boat and their own seamanship and waterman capabilities.

No refunds of fees or donations (partial or in whole) shall be made due to cancellation or delay.

CROSSING FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS CONTINGENCY PLAN

This contingency plan aims to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants, staff, and volunteers involved in the Crossing For Cystic Fibrosis event. By implementing these measures and protocols, we aim to mitigate risks and respond effectively to any unforeseen circumstances.

Key Contacts:

- **Event Director:** Travis Suit, travis@pipersangels.org, 561-246-0205
- **Director of Safety:** Josh Ferris, joshferris@pipersangels.org, 321-544-5735
- **Medical Director:** Dr. Ray Vazquez, 561-243-0394
- **Communications:** info@pipersangels.org
- **Weather Contingencies:** Weather will be monitored leading up to and during the event. If adverse weather conditions such as lightning, strong winds, or rough waves are forecasted or present at the time of the event:
 - Registered Participants will be notified of any delays or schedule changes via email and at in-person meetings/check-in. All registered participants should attend these meetings to obtain any critical information and answers to their questions.
 - If the X4CF Director of Safety deems unsafe conditions for the original event day and time, the Beach Launch and paddle would be rescheduled to one day before or one day after, depending on conditions. **All participants are encouraged to plan their travel and lodging arrangements based on the potential that the Beach Launch and paddle could start on Friday June 20th, Saturday June 21st, Sunday June 22nd, or Monday June 23rd.**
 - The Lake Worth Beach Landing celebration event will be adjusted according to the day of departure from Bimini if participants do not launch on the originally scheduled departure date.
 - If there are any changes to the competitive paddling divisions outside of the outline Official Rules, the changes will be relayed via email and at in-person meetings/check-in. All registered participants should attend these meetings to obtain any critical information and answers to their questions.
 - Captains' meetings and event check-in days and times in Bimini may be adjusted depending on event needs based on any weather delays, which will be communicated via email to registered participants.