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There may be cases where the swim would have to be stopped after it is already under way.

Causes for Abandonment:

Thunder/lightning
Sudden change in weather
Shark attack – vs. shark sighting
Plane crash on approach to island
Blood in the water (major trauma) – attracts sharks
Fire – stage, vehicle, at the Ritz or Royal Palms
Explosion
Earthquake with possibility of tsunami warning
Cell phone or radio coverage quits
Any other event that ties up the island's emergency services

ABANDONMENT PLAN

In case the race has to be abandoned at any time while the swim is underway the following procedure will apply and be strictly adhered to:

- The Swim Safety Coordinator will initiate the action - once the cause and location of the problem has been determined, the Swim Safety Coordinator will proceed to put the abandonment plan into operation. The Swim Safety Coordinator will contact all course officers. Marshals will wait for instructions from the Chief Marshal, who will be in constant communication with the Swim Safety Coordinator.
- Swimmers, on hearing continuous blasts on air horns and whistles and/or seeing Marshals waving, will immediately leave the water. They will be instructed on where to proceed by a Marshal. Swimmers should not put themselves and others at risk by not obeying.
- Watercraft will assist in guiding swimmers out of the water.