



Jon has been in the water for hours; it's unknown when he became unresponsive or when his heart stopped. His decision to activate his emergency beacon and clip himself to his kayak were good ones; in all likelihood, the fishing boat would not have found if he had not stayed with his kayak. Despite the protection supplied by his wetsuit, drytop, and lifejacket, and given the cold water, he is likely hypothermic. He may also have drowned.

Immediately begin CPR; the cold water may have slowed his metabolism, lowered his oxygen requirements, and provided him with some protection. If he is to survive, he needs oxygen and warming. Continue CPR until:

1. his pulse and breathing spontaneously return. If they return, carefully place Jon in a hypothermia package and head to shore or rendezvous with the coast guard. Do not attempt to actively rewarm him.
2. he has been pulseless during 30 minutes of CPR. (CPR is strenuous; you may need to alternate with another trained person. In most non-fatal drownings that require CPR, the patient will regain their pulse, begin breathing and awaken within a few minutes. The longer he remains pulseless and not breathing, the poorer her chances of survival.)

If his pulse and breathing return, even if he fully awakens, begin an emergency evacuation to the nearest hospital. Ideally, his rescue beacon activated the coast guard, and they have already initiated a search. Call them on the radio and report you found Jon, CPR is in progress, and request assistance.