

Safety Boat Key Points



- This is intended as a useful set of direction and guidance for those doing Safety Boat duties at Stokes Bay.
- Mandatory and Safety points are highlighted in red.

Set up Patrol Boat

- Pack all your warm, dry sailing gear – even in August
- Arrive in plenty of time
- Get boat out of garage
 - Collect Keys (for RIB and fuel bunker), Radio, **First Aid and Race Keys** from Bridge
 - Pick up Fuel check connection (Yellow RIB has its own fuel tank)
 - Buoys and ground tackle – careful when lifting ground tackle – ask for help as required
 - Run up engine – check water jet from cooling system.
- Get Changed – **Buoyancy Aid compulsory**. Don't forget suncream even in February
- **Radio check** on shore
- Launch – put **Kill cord** on before starting engine.
- Radio check on water.



Patrol

- Drop Buoys – check position with RO.
- Monitor sailing boats
- In capsizes – **count heads**
 - Drive at appropriate speed. Full beans if you need to, but slow where you can.
 - Ask first: Can the crew self-rescue? If so the sailors are in control.
 - Ask what assistance is required?
 - **If not take control – get crew into patrol boat if necessary.**
- **When close to people in water – maintain engine awareness – position boat then cut engine (use kill cord).**
- **Always prioritise people over boats**
- **Communicate clearly with Race Officer.**



Recover Patrol Boat

- Drive confidently onto trolley – in a strong cross tide stream you need sailors or crew in the water to hold the boat. **Watch out for fingers, legs.**
- Cut engine and raise.
- Secure to trolley
- Tractor recovery – **watch fingers and if in doubt shout 'STOP'.**
- **SIT DOWN** if in boat when being towed.
- **Communication clearly** with tractor driver and banksman.
- **Watch for beach users/ dogs/ children etc.**
- Rinse boat particularly trolley wheel bearings,
- Flush seawater out of engine, radio
- Return fuel, keys, radio, buoys to garages and lock them
- Sign duty book.
- Record any faults in the defect book.



Summary

If this presentation raises any questions please contact:

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