

Safety Boat P&P

The operator must have a Queensland Boat License, be proficient in VHF radio procedures and etiquette and must have been checked by the SSC Boat Master to operate the RIB and Tinnie.

Check the following

- Tyre Pressure
- Fuel quantities adequate for the day, 4 stroke for the RIB, 2 stroke for the Tinnie.
- Auto drain/bail tube on stern in up position
- Correct inflation of tubes for the RIB
- Radio operating setting channel 77, SSC Flag, Horn, Boat Hook and any other required equipment onboard.
- RFD Safe T Bag and contents on board
- All maritime safety equipment onboard.

Launch Boats

- Maximum POB for RIB is six (6) for the Tinnie it is four (4).
- Life jackets onboard for every POB. Check all non - volunteers are wearing correctly fitting lifejackets.
- Keep track of the number of yachts operating and frequently try to maintain visual contact with them. Main dangers are groundings, gear failure, and clients who are agitated or have a medical condition.
- The safety boat is not to be used as a sight-seeing vessel.

Towing

- Tow methods – tie or hold alongside or tow from the bow or stern.
- Towing in reverse with the yacht tied to the bow can allow better directional control and keep the propeller away from the tow.
- Keep speed down and be aware of the effect of drag on steering.
- Ask the skipper of the yacht to aid your directional control by using the tiller.

Emergencies

- Respond quickly to radio calls or horn signals.
- When approaching people in the water, put the engine in neutral and do not engage a gear until you are sure the engine area is clear.
- Consider using the anchor if you need to stop drifting.
- Consider that you will need two or three people to recover a disabled person from the water.

End of Session

- Remove bungs
- Wash hulls, and flush motors,
- Tinnie – all contents to be removed and stored in the shed or in the RIB. Outboard and fuel tank to be stored in the shed. Radio to be turned off and place on charger. Boat to be locked to the fence.
- RIB – store crane spreader bar on the boat and keep equipment except radios onboard.
- Radios to be turned off and placed on chargers.
- Check fuel quantities and notify the appropriate person if more is needed.