

Sailability Sunshine Coast Queensland (SSCQ)

Safety Boat P&P 2021

Approved Safety Boat Operators

The boat master must have a current Boat License, be proficient in VHF radio procedures and etiquette and must have been checked by the SSCQ Safety Boat Trainer to operate the appropriate safety boat as required.

Check the following

- Tire pressure on trailers
- Fuel quantities adequate for the day, *4 stroke for the RIB, 2 stroke for the small boat.*
- Auto drain/bail tube on stern of the large RIB in up position, Bung fitted correctly in small RIB
- Correct inflation of tubes for the RIBs
- Radio operating setting channel 77, SSCQ Flag, Horn, Boat Hook and any other required equipment onboard.
- RFD Safe T Bag and contents on board
- All maritime safety equipment on board.

Launch Boats

- Maximum POB for the large RIB is six (6) for the small RIB it is four (4).
- Check all volunteers, carers, teachers and clients 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 other 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,
- Store crane spreader bar on the large RIB, 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.