



Clywedog Sailing Club

Safety Boat Guidance for members

The safety boat is provided and crewed voluntarily by members of the club.

The Helm of the Safety Boat must hold a *RYA Level 2 in Powerboat Handling Certificate*.

The Helm of the Safety Boat is not required to hold an *RYA Safety Boat Certificate*.

Some members hold an *RYA Safety Boat Certificate* and may be at the Helm on the day you wish to sail

The level of safety cover will therefore vary according to the skills and qualifications of the members providing safety cover on the day.

Members are responsible for their own safety on the water and must satisfy themselves that they are happy with the level of safety cover on the day before taking to the water or permitting anyone they are responsible for from taking to the water.

If you are considering allowing someone you are responsible for to take to the water you should first discuss this with the safety crew. It may be necessary for you to make an agreement with the Safety Boat Helm / Crew and fill in a consent form if they are going to be sharing responsibility with you for the person's safety / welfare on the water.

It is recommended that all Parents familiarise themselves with the Clywedog Child Protection policy.

If you are going out on the water wearing a harness and / or sailing a *High Performance Craft* or *Multi Hull* please first discuss your situation with the Safety Boat and satisfy yourself that they are familiar with your Boat, type of Harness etc.. and able to come to you assistance if needed.

When a safety boat is on the water it will be providing cover for anyone on the water.

When training practice or Racing are going on the Safety Boat will still be providing Safety cover and give priority to looking out for everyone on the water.

If the conditions on the water become unsafe in the opinion of the Safety Boat (e.g. because of deteriorating weather conditions) The Safety boat will inform anyone remaining on the water that they feel conditions are becoming unsafe and offer to escort them in to safety.

The Safety Boat will inform everyone on the water before withdrawing cover (going in for lunch, severe weather conditions, finishing for the day etc...)

Normally safety cover is provided between 10am and 4pm on Sundays.



Safety Duty

Guidance for members.

Helm

The helm of the safety boat is expected to hold RYA Power Boat Level 2 certificate and be confident that they have maintained their skills to the level of competence required in the PB2 syllabus.

In particular the helm must be competent in their ability and knowledge of "Recovery of man overboard" and be able approach and recover a person in the water competently as required in the PB2 syllabus.

Please contact the Sailing Secretary or a member of the committee if you would like an opportunity to practice your skills beforehand.

If you are do not feel able to helm the Safety Boat please let the Sailing Secretary know and alternative Duty can be arranged.

Crew

The Crew of the Safety Boat should be fit and able to ----

Act as look out for the Helm.

Use the Safety Boat to shore radio.

Assist in the recovery of a person from the water.

The crew of the Safety Boat is not expected to hold any formal qualifications.

Officer Of The Day (Safety Duties)

Should be able to act as shore based look out

Be able to use Shore to Safety Boat Radio

Be able to summon assistance

Be able to Supervise Racing.

If you wish to have some training or practice for **Crew or Officer of the Day Duties**

Please contact the Sailing Secretary or a member of the committee.

If you do not feel able to carry out these duties please contact the Sailing Secretary so an alternative duty can be arranged.