

ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB



Guidance in the use of club Safety Boats during Coronavirus (Covid 19) pandemic and social distancing period.



This laminated guidance sheet can be found in the Covid Bag for each RIB, please read this guidance carefully and act accordingly.

Always wear gloves when driving the RIB. This will reduce the risk of infection both to yourself and the next user of the RIB. Gloves, face masks and hand gel are available in the Covid Bag on each boat.

Recovery methods: -

1. Rather than coming alongside a capsized boat in order to assist, use the mast-tip righting method to maintain distance from the sailor, scoop the sailor into their dinghy as the boat is righted.
2. Where an appropriately dressed crew is available on the RIB, they may use the daggerboard of the capsized dinghy to assist righting but should avoid coming into close contact with the sailor as the boat is righted.

Where it is necessary to retrieve a sailor from the water rather than the normal heaving over the side use a Swim ladder (rope loop) or ask the sailor to climb over engine (remove killcord!).

Within the RIB it may not be possible to maintain 2 metre distance so rib crew and driver should both wear a face covering and face the opposite way whenever possible until the sailor is returned to their boat.

When it is necessary to tow a dinghy, it is preferable to tow behind using floating towlines provide and not alongside. With certain classes of dinghy this can be difficult (e.g. high-performance skiffs) so where it is necessary to tow alongside the RIB team must wear face covering and gloves.

When instructing coaches should remain in the RIB and not join the sailor(s) in their dinghy.

Face coverings should be worn by driver and/or crew in all situations where it is likely to be impossible to maintain 2 metre distance from each other or a sailor being assisted.

Where RIB team and sailors are from the same household it may not necessary to follow all of the above procedures.

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After use

Following use of the RIB, the driver should spray the following: wheel, key and killcord, isolator switch and seat or hatches opened. Spray sanitiser will be found on the RIBs.

If sanitiser is found to have run out, please advise Bob Penfold Sailing Secretary

Key, kill cord and key fob to be left in the Covid Bag and returned to the Harbourside store.

Ensure that fuel vent cap is closed after use to prevent water ingress.

Remove and dispose of all rubbish

Refuelling - Code for fuel store is unchanged

Please re-fuel RIB after use and advise Bob Penfold or Barry Jobson if fuel supplies in locker is running low.

Use gloves and spray locker and fuel cans after use.

Boat covers have been removed; UV helps kill the virus.

Incident reporting

The details of all incidents involving recovery of persons and assistance given should be reported without exception to :-

Bob Penfold –Sailing Secretary as soon as possible. sailing@rtyc.org Mobile 07970353660

If a driver or crew feels they may have been in too close contact with a sailor while assisting them they should also advise the sailor or a parent (if under 18).

If either subsequently think they may have developed Covid 19 symptoms either/both should seek medical advice and advise the Sailing Secretary

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