

Escort Boat Duties 2012

If you are unable to make your rostered date **it is your responsibility to arrange a swap** with someone on the escort boat rota and to amend the Dutyman rota online and the list on the club notice board accordingly. **WITHOUT ESCORT BOATS RACING CANNOT TAKE PLACE**

Please ensure you are at the club by the time advised on the instructions below.

Please arrange to have an assistant with you.

Please note that as a Escort Boat Driver you are under the command of the **Race Officer he is empowered by the Sailing Committee when on duty to be responsible for all aspects relating to the Laying of Courses, Starting Procedure, Abandonment, Buoyancy, Safety etc and ultimately it is his final decision as to what actions to take.**

1. ARRIVAL

Arrive at the Club by 12 noon on Saturdays, 12:30 on Sunday afternoons (unless yachts are racing when 12 noon), 10 am Sunday mornings or 5.15 pm for evening races. This will give time to consult with the race officer about conditions on the lake.

2. DUTIES

- a) Allow plenty of time to check the Escort Boat equipment and fuel
- b) Ensure you have a working radio, do a radio check before your duty.
- c) Ensure all crew on your escort boat wears personal buoyancy.
- d) Report any incidents to the Race Officer who may need to record this information for his log.
- e) Report any shortage of equipment or damage to propeller to the Hon. Sailing Secretary.
- f) Please ensure that fuel tanks are removed from the RIBs and stowed in the fuel locker.
- g) Ensure the battery isolator key is removed
- g) Recover RIB after duty is finished
- h) Ensure all keys, kill cords and radios are returned to the Club House radio room
- i) In light weather conditions be prepared to help tow boats to the start line.

3. COURSE

- a) Familiarise yourself with the courses being sailed by the various classes

Lastly thank you for helping the Club's Race Management Team it is much appreciated by those that take part in the racing and I hope you also have enjoyed helping out on the water.

Clare Houlihan
Hon. Sailing Secretary
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