

## Exe Sailing Club

### Safety Boat Procedures.

1. Qualification experience. Coxswains required to be at least age 16 (and have parental consent if under 18) hold RYA level 2 Powerboat Certificates (Safety Boat certificate for major events) of competence, or have satisfied the club of their experience and competence. Minimum Crew two for RIBs 1, 2 and 4, one for RIB 3.
2. If operating a safety boat arrive early for session, (at least 90 minutes if racing offshore) and seek out race officer or designated person in charge.
3. Collect VHF, set to Channel 8 low power and test. Call signs Control / race control, RIB 1, Rib 2, RIB 3. In emergency use Channel 16 to contact Brixham coastguard. VHF should be carried on the coxswain's person.
4. Ensure you have suitable clothing, buoyancy aid is mandatory for all crew. One crew member should be in wet / dry suit and able to go into the water to assist casualty if required.
5. Check you have full fuel tanks.
6. **Kill Cord to be used at all times.**
7. Unless directed otherwise bring RIB off mooring and maintain station off beach as boats launch. Escort to designated sailing area. Keep an eye out for late comers.
8. Racing Offshore. Arrive at least 90 minutes before start. With RO go offshore to assess conditions. Hold boats on beach until RO gives permission for fleet to leave. Do not undertake to escort retiring boats back INTO THE RIVER. Retiring skipper should be politely requested to stay in vicinity of Committee boat until racing over. If it is necessary to bring a damage boat / tired crew in escort to nearest safe landing, usually seafront or warren shore. Note Warren not suitable if swell above 0.5 meters. Return to race area as quickly and safely possible.
9. **Keep your eye on boats, especially those at the back of the racing fleet, at all times.** If coaching or engaged in a rescue ask crew to watch out for the other boats.
10. **Stay with your group** unless directed elsewhere or you see an incident where immediate assistance is required.
11. When assisting capsize, **make head count**, Then in most cases stand off and instruct self recovery. If you are needed else where, provide assistance as quickly as possible. Be aware of the risk of **Inversion entrapment** ( the entanglement of crew and under a capsized dinghy). This risk is primarily associated with high performance dinghies, in particular those with Wings and trapeze and catamarans. These craft are rarely sailed at Exe. If you believe crew may be trapped try to right the boat to 90 degrees as quickly as possible, quickest way is to put RIB crew on c/board and maneuver rib to enable you to grab forestay / mast to assist righting. The possibility of entrapment following entanglement with moored vessels is a risk especially in areas of high tidal flow. If you believe a dinghy could become entangled with a mooring place the RIB between dinghy and mooring and consider removing crew from Dinghy.
12. If you are recovering crew in the water Engine must be **OFF. DO NOT ALLOW ANY ONE IN THE WATER TO GET ANYWHERE NEAR THE PROP UNLESS THE ENGINE IS OFF.**
13. In the event of multiple capsize or crews in immediate danger, e.g. entangled in a mooring on fast tide. Abandon dinghy and take crew into the RIB.
14. If in a multiple rescue situation ensure you mark the boat you have abandoned, Tie orange tape ( to be found in RIB First aid box) around the rudder fittings to indicate that you have evacuated the crew. Inform Race officer of any boats being abandoned. Race Officer is then required to call the coast guard and advise them of the abandoned boats.
15. Landing point will be Shelly Beach, in major incident or medical emergency use Dock entrance.
16. Remember in a rescue you are in charge not the crew.
17. Towing. Either tow on a line taken from the dinghy mast and led through looped line around forestay or bring dinghy alongside for the tow. Tow slow, dinghies are delicate.
18. Do not come off station until all boats are safely in.
19. Please leave RIBs in the condition you took them out. Report any problems, faults, damage to person in charge, or record on the white board. Log hours on white board
20. Please make a final report in to the person in charge.