

SAFETY BOAT DUTY

- Arrive in plenty of time for your duty
- Introduce yourself to P.R.O.
- Collect safety kit (containing knife, whistle, spare killcord, survival blanket, basic 1st Aid Kit, whistle) with killcord and keys attached.
- Sign boat, allocated by Centre Manager, out in Register
- Collect radio (tuned to Channel 37a) from safe to liaise with P.R.O. and other staff on duty – R.Y.A. VHF Radio courses are available through the Club.
- Ensure safety boat is fully prepared for duty i.e. enough fuel (refuel if nec), anchor attached and tidied, plenty of warps and lines for possible rescues
- If you find any faults with the boat or its kit, do not attempt to fix it or alter anything. Report it to a member of club staff and use another boat.

Personal Safety

- Ensure your own safety and that of your crew – wear appropriate clothing and buoyancy aid (coats underneath buoyancy aid). Take snacks and water with you and apply sun cream, wearing a hat as per weather conditions

ALWAYS WEAR THE KILLCORD

(RYA RECOMMEND IT IS WORN AROUND THE LOWER LEG)

Duties include:

- Lay marks as directed by P.R.O. Please lift the whole mark including rope, chain and weight to avoid wrapping it around the propeller causing damage and leave the weed attached to the weight
- Before the race begins endeavour to position yourself at the outer distant mark out of the way of sailors where you are able to radio the P.R.O. if you see anyone over the line at the start
- Position yourself where you can see the whole of the course. There is no need to motor about unnecessarily wasting expensive fuel
- Monitor the gybe marks
- Know how many boats are on the water and keep checking
- You have a duty of care to all boats using the lake

IRPCS Regulation No. 5

Keep a good **look out** at all times by all available means

- Do not get distracted whilst rescuing one dinghy in trouble as there may be other skippers in greater need!
- Remember to hold off as necessary – bear in mind that any interference from the safety crew will disqualify the racing dinghy from the race

IRPCS Regulation No. 6

Travel at a **safe speed** – only use high speeds to attend rescues

End of Duty:

- Ensure all boats are safely off the water before collecting flags and putting safety boat away.
- Remove any flags, rubbish and other equipment from the boat that is not part of its normal equipment so the boat is tidy and ready for use by the next person.
- Locks must be replaced correctly, kits put away, boats signed in on the register and any faults or damage reported here for Boatswain's attention.