

# COVID-19: Instructions for the Safety Boat Crew for Club Racing

Mark Elkington: 23rd July 2020

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Here are the instructions for the Safety Boat duty on the upcoming race days. This should be read in conjunction with the existing COVID Safety Boat Launch/Recovery Procedure.

1. **Check the SYC website** before traveling to the club in case the racing has been cancelled.
2. Please get to the club in sufficient time to be able to launch **30 minutes before** the scheduled race start time.
3. By default load **two orange inflatable buoys** into the safety boat - the Beachmaster will tell you if you need fewer buoys or need to load the J buoy for a special start line.
4. Launch the safety boat about 30 minutes before the scheduled race start time and **BEFORE** the dinghies are launched using the previously defined launch procedure.
5. Take up **position near buoy 29** and do a radio check with the race box. The OOD will give you instructions on where to lay the inflatable course buoys
6. While the race is running, operate as normally. Be aware that the OOD may need to abandon the race if the mean wind speed exceeds 14 knots. If that happens the OOD will ask you to relay the abandonment to boats still racing.
7. Once boats start finishing **take up station near the foreshore** so that you can assist the Beachmaster in controlling the number of boats recovering - the aim being that 2m distancing can be maintained at all times on the landing area. You can ask boats to not land if it is getting too crowded.
8. When the race is complete and most boats are ashore, recover the orange buoys
9. Return to shore and return the boat to the boat house using the defined recovery procedure.

# COVID-19: Safety Boat Launch / Recovery Procedures

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This procedure covers the launch and recovery of the SYC safety boats during the period of the COVID-19 restrictions. The club has consulted with the RYA directly to confirm that our use of the safety boats is in accordance with their current policy.

At all times:

- Maintain at least 2 metre separation from non cohabiting members
- Launching and Recovery to be done slowly and methodically to ensure safe distances can be maintained
- One member (normally the boat driver) to oversee procedure and call out instructions
- GREY RIB NOT IN USE (For emergency use only)

## **Launch Procedure:**

This procedure requires the (cohabiting) safety boat crew plus at least 3 helpers

- Safety boat crew to remain at the front of the boat.
- Helpers pull the boat out of the shed using the green rope on stern and at 2 metre intervals.
- At top of slipway one helper to detach green rope at stern of boat and leave in boathouse
- All helpers to pick up green rope on the bow of boat, at 2 meter intervals from one another and safety boat crew
- Boat can now be steered down slipway by helpers and launched by safety boat driver and crew
- Once boat has been launched helpers recover trailer up slipway - maintaining 2m distance from one another
- All involved wash/sanitise hands

## **Boat Recovery:**

This procedure requires at least 3 helpers as well as the safety boat driver and crew.

- Safety boat crew remain with boat
- Trailer is moved down slipway by helpers using the green rope maintaining a distance of 2 meters between helpers
- One helper is allocated to the winch, and the driver and crew guide the boat onto the trailer while maintaining a distance of 2 meters from the person manning the winch.
- Once on the trolley, the driver and crew go to the stern of the boat to push whilst helpers use green rope at bow to pull the safety boat up the slipway - at all times maintaining the 2m separation on the rope.
- Driver and crew rinse boat and flush engine.
- Boat is pushed into boatshed with one helper to steer the bow, with the driver and crew pushing the stern of the boat. The helper can leave the boatshed once the driver and crew leave.
- Green rope is re-attached to the stern of the boat.
- The driver disinfects all parts of the boat that have been touched by crew and helpers (e.g stern, handles, controls, console, radio,tubes) - using a spray bottle.
- All involved wash hands.