



Yacht Club

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POWER BOAT POLICY

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1 INTRODUCTION

This document is intended to define the use of the PBYC club power boats and guidelines of the use of these boats. The structure below outlines who and which boats can be used for what purpose as well as guidelines for ratios of power boats on water with regards to dinghies for which purposes.

2 GENERAL GUIDELINES

Club power boats are to be used for club activities only and are not for private use. Examples of acceptable use are as follows;

- Coaching
- Training
- Safety boat duties and
- Other activities so designated by the club committee, training co-ordinator or race officer

All club power boat operators are required to undertake safety boat training when operating a boat in any club activity that may require boat towing or involve a scenario that could result in the need to undertake a boat or person rescue

All club boat operators are to hold an RST certificate as a minimum requirement and undertake safety boat training if participating in club activities that involve training / coaching and / or safety boat activities.

All boat operators must ensure that they are trained to operate the club boats two way radio and they have:

- Ensured that the base radio is turned on and manned when a boat is on water
- They have tested the boats radio on water and established communication with the club base

First aid training is to be made available to all personnel who commit to being involved in club based activities and will be provided by the club without cost to the participants.

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No person undertaking activities in a club power boat on water will do so without wearing a life jacket at all times.

When a qualified person is operating a club boat unaccompanied in training / coaching activities, he or she must ensure they have the kill switch lanyard engaged on their wrist.

No person without safety boat training will operate a club power boat unaccompanied. In these situations there must be a minimum of two people on board at all times.

All safety boat operations require a minimum of two operators on a boat for all activities and one of these must have undertaken a safety boat course.

All persons operating a club power boat are required to check the power boat for the following before operating the boat on water for any activity.

- They understand how to correctly operate the boats motor
- Have checked the prestart checklist before starting the boat

3 POWER BOAT TO DINGHY RATIO

The number of club power boats on water at any one time depends on two items;

- Number of dinghies on water
- Wind conditions

The maximum ratio of power boats to dinghies for any activity when coaching, training or racing is six.

When racing a second power/safety boat must be utilised when the wind condition is greater than 10 knots and the number of dinghies racing is greater than 3. This enables one boat to act as start/finish boat and the other to act as a rescue boat.

4 JOHN TONKIN COLLEGE BOATS

John Tonkin College boats are only to be used for activities associated with training and racing and only when there are no other club power boats available. The only persons who can authorise the use of JTC boats are the club Training Co-ordinator or Race Officer. Any damages to JTC boats are to be reported to the PBYC Commodore on the same day and the necessary person at JTC advised as soon as possible by the club Commodore. Any necessary

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repairs are to be undertaken immediately and the vessel returned to its original condition as soon as possible. Costs are to be borne by the club.