

TANKERTON BAY SAILING CLUB

Support Boat Crew – Guidelines

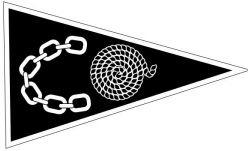
General

The role of the Support Boat or Rigid Inflatable Boats (RIBs) crew is to assist the Race Officer and the Support Boat Helm in conducting a fair and safe race/sail. Tasks may include laying and moving marks, passing information between the Race Officer and members of the fleet, keeping account of boat numbers and their whereabouts and assisting craft and sailors as required. A crewmember's task is to assist an experienced helmsman in carrying out this role. Knowledge of powerboating and racing regulations are not vital... but a can-do attitude is! The Support RIB is the first boat out, and the last boat in. Support Boat duties are rewarding, sometimes challenging, and often rather exhilarating.

On the day

All boat crew should be able-bodied, dressed for the conditions, and prepared to enter the water or assist on another craft if necessary. Crew may be at sea for a couple of hours at a time and should bear this in mind when selecting clothing.

Please arrive 1 hour before race start and make yourself known to the Duty Helm. You will then assist the helm in loading the RIBs with operational kit and running up the engine. This gives opportunity to familiarise yourself with the vessel, our safety procedures and kit locations, and to ask any questions before heading off. The RIB will then be briefed on the course(s) for the day and tasked with laying/moving race marks, maintaining over watch during racing (continual count of club boats and oversight of others in the sailing area e.g. swimmers, kayakers etc.), supporting any vessels in difficulty (capsize, man overboard etc.) and collecting marks at the end of the race(s). There is usually time for a snack/bathroom break between races. After racing has finished, please assist the Duty Helm in returning the RIB to its locker, hosing it down and putting away the kit.



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Personal Kit

Please bring with you;

All weathers

Drysuit/wetsuit (weather/season appropriate)

Suitable buoyancy aid

Wetshoes/trainers

Gloves (suitable for handling rope/chain)

Safety knife (folding, non-pointed and suitable for rope work e.g. Gill

Marine Tool)

Suntan lotion

Drinking water

Hot weather

More drinking water!

Higher factor Suntan lotion

Sun hat

Sunglasses

Cold weather

Warmer gloves (e.g. 3mm neoprene)

Fleece undersuit (if wearing drysuit)

Warm hat

If you have any questions or concerns about your duty please contact the Duty Manager (the day's Duty Manager will be specified on DutyMan) or any committee member, who will be able to point you in the right direction.