



Safety Boat Guidelines

The safety boat rota has been drawn up from members who have passed the RYA level 2 Power Boat level course. These notes are to help answer questions that drivers and crew may have on the duties of the club safety boat and application of their knowledge rather than duplicating anything covered by the practical course.

The club safety boat must be driven by a qualified driver holding an RYA level 2 Power Boat certificate (or higher). The exception will be a club member over the age of 14 who is under the direct supervision of a qualified driver.

Children under the age of 14 are not allowed to drive the club safety boat.

It is recommended that a newly qualified driver or a qualified driver under the age of 18 is partnered on the rota with a longer qualified driver.

The primary function of the club safety boat is to look after any club members and day ticket holders on the water. Any training session will normally have its own safety boat cover. However, if an incident occurs with a craft on a training course then assistance should, of course, be given if required.

The safety boat should be on the water at all times during the session although the driver/crew do not need to be on the boat all the time but can keep a watch from the bank.

The safety boat should not be used to 'joy ride' around the lake and should not be used with excessive speed as the lake is part of a country park and nature reserve. (The use of full speed to get to an incident is not considered excessive).

The safety boat team are not expected to police the lake although if a lake user or member of the public is seen doing something that could affect the safety of club members, day ticket holders or themselves (i.e. swimming across the lake) then the safety boat team should ask the person to leave the water (this should also be noted on the officer of the day log sheet in the wet room).

If there are any other questions please do let us know; full details of the committee are on the noticeboard and club web site.