

## Volunteer Safety Boat Team – Role Description

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Safety Boat teams provide valuable support to sailors and boats enhancing the safety of racing and other on-water activities. The skipper is ultimately responsible for the safety of their crew and vessel and reports to the Race Officer. The crew assists and follows the skipper's directions. Safety boat teams monitor the fleet, assisting as required including recovering sailors separated from boats, helping to right capsized boats and towing boats to shore.

### Qualifications

Required qualifications and skills include;

- Marine Licence (skipper)
- Experience driving RHIBs (skipper)
- Working with Children Check (WWCC)
- Understanding of basic rescue techniques
- Fitness suitable for spending several hours on the water

Desirable qualifications and experience include;

- AS Powerboat Handling Certificate (skipper) or equivalent experience
- AS Safety Boat Operators Certificate (skipper) or equivalent experience
- First Aid accreditation

### What to wear

All weather clothing including wet weather gear, sun protection and take a water bottle. A lifejacket must be worn at all times (PFD 1 or 2). Whenever possible OTB sailors on duty should wear sailing gear and be prepared to enter the water if required. The skipper must wear the engine kill-cord when the engine is running.

### Basic Tasks

Tasks for this position include (but are not limited to);

- Attend the Race Management volunteer briefing
- Perform pre-departure checks on the Patrol Boat, radio check with the tower, and ensure correct equipment onboard before leaving the dock
- Following the Race Officer's direction, monitor the fleet on the way to the course area, during racing and on return to shore according to the designated plan
- Maintain a continuous visual scan of the fleet and attend to capsizes immediately
- Perform safety duties and retrievals as required, including towing
- Maintain radio communication & report any incidents
- If directed, assist with race management duties
- At the completion of racing, escort the fleet to shore or the Marina
- Perform post-use checks on the Patrol Boat, including tidying the boat and returning equipment

Training, checklists and supporting resources are available to Volunteer Safety Boat Team members.

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