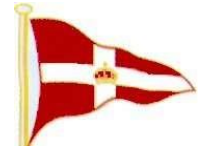


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Ribs Safe Operating Procedures

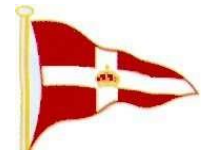
Safety Features

- **Essential check-out of Rib's for**
 - Anchor, chain and warp (secured to Rib)
 - Bow warp not to be longer than length of Rib
 - VHF radio as the primary communications tool
 - Paddles and boat hook
 - Safety box (know what is inside)
 - Compass for outside harbour
 - Knife (personal gear)
 - Air in sponsons – to the appropriate pressure.
 - 2 fuel tanks
 - Bucket / bailer
 - Suitable towline
 - Spare kill cord
- **Prepare & know the weather state, forecast, visibility including sea state/tide as it changes**
- **Conduct a suitable risk assessment for the planned passage**
- **Personal Gear**
 - Suitable buoyancy aid / PFD (for age /weight) to be properly worn on **outside** of all clothing
 - Cap, waterproof and warm clothing, whistle and knife, suitable footwear.
- **Know the area and any hazards, including shipping / other event(s) movements**
 - Passage planning is essential. Ribs are restricted to their **defined area** of operation (e.g. no landing on Dalkey Island(s) or crossing the Liffey fairway)
- **Rib Operation**
 - Be fully aware of the Ribs handling characteristics and limitations
 - **Only qualified persons may drive the Ribs (min. IS / RYA National Cert)**
 - Minimum age is 16 year
 - Use kill cord **ALWAYS** (attached to the Rib driver as personal gear)
 - Disconnect the key from the kill cord when operating Rib
 - Sit or straddle seat **ONLY**
 - Harbour speed limit is 5knts
 - Arrive and leave George with **ZERO** speed and wake
 - No smoking (you have at least 22 litres of petrol on board)
 - Zero alcohol
 - No passengers forward of the console
 - Be aware of 360-degree movements around you, and keep checking
 - 2 people aboard for safety / rescue function
 - Ensure that the Rib trim is appropriate for load / passengers
 - Tow with the greatest of care, and with prior preparation
 - 'Wave jumping', wake boarding or skiing etc. are all **strictly** prohibited
 - Racing is absolutely prohibited
 - Check all controls (throttle / kill cord / steering / engine) **before** leaving.

Preparation

Observation

Communication



- No person to step aboard any Rib or craft **anywhere** without a life jacket / PFD (zero tolerance).
- Practice rescuing a boat on a lee shore with an anchor / warp (off pier wall).
- Report **all** incidences of personal injury to Boathouse via Injury/Accident Report Form
- Report all Rib problems, damage/breakage to Boathouse via Damage/Breakage Report Form
- Ensure the boathouse knows of your plan, departure and expected return times
- No children to be near the launch or recovery of any Rib.
- Authorise (certified) persons only may use the crane.

These are the principal aspects in relation to the safe operation of Rib safety / rescue craft but it does not represent a complete list.

Please use your discretion in preference for safety as the paramount motivation. You may be held accountable !

Boat Inventory

Bow and Stern Lines

Paddles, bucket and/or bailer

Tow Rope

Anchor, chain and warp

Spare line

Boat hook

Safety Box

- **2 red** hand flares
- **2 orange** smoke hand flares
- **knife and wire cutters**
- **horn top and gas**
- **Fire extinguisher**
- **hand bearing compass**
- **repair kit (boat and engine)**
- **waterproof torch**
- **spare kill cord**

First Aid Kit

- **foil blanket**
- **triangular bandages (calico)**
- **2.5cm tape (lohmann silkafix)**
- **scissors**
- **tweezers vent-aid, mask or suitable barrier**
- **plaster fabric tapes 2.5cm**
- **roll of plaster tape**
- **finger plasters (assorted sizes)**
- **antiseptic wipes**
- **melolin (non-adherent dressings)**
- **ambulance dressings (15, 13, 9, 8 and 7)**
- **eye pad**
- **conforming bandage 5cm**
- **eye wash / sterile water (25ml tubes)**
- **safety pins**
- **2 pairs latex gloves.**

I fully understand and accept the contents of this document and I agree to be bound by these rules / terms:

Name (block capitals): Date: Time: /

Signature:

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