



Rules for the use of TRSC Powerboats.

Our Powerboats are a valuable asset and essential to the activities of the club. They must be used in a safe and responsible way. Their use for club purposes must be authorised by the person in charge of the activity which will normally be the RTC Principal, RYA Senior Instructor, Race Officer, Rear Commodore Sail, Bosun or Appointed Person for Lifting Operations. All users **must wear the kill cord** and a buoyancy aid or life jacket - as appropriate to the task.

1. Generally.

All helms must be TRSC members, trained and qualified to RYA Powerboat Level 2 or any level above that is part of the RYA Powerboat scheme or approved by a TRSC Powerboat instructor. The only exception will be members under training for a qualification and non-members (rarely) on RYA Powerboat Courses, in either case, supervised by an RYA Powerboat Instructor. Copies of qualifications/approved users must be held at the club.

Those persons helming or otherwise in charge of our powerboats must always be in a fit state to competently and safely do so. This means that they must not be unfit to do so because of the consumption of alcohol or because they have taken illegal or prescription drugs that have significantly impaired their ability to do so. Each individual will be effected differently by alcohol and drugs but as a general rule if you are over the legal limits specified for driving a motor vehicle on English roads the club will consider you as unfit to helm a club powerboat.

2. Safety Boats.

Safety Boats for racing and RTC operations should ideally be manned by two persons and be helmed or crewed by at least one, preferably two RYA Safety Boat qualified persons. Unqualified persons are not permitted to helm boats being used on safety boat duty.

3. Helming by Young Persons.

For training purposes for a qualification this will be permitted for persons 12yrs or older under the supervision of an RYA Powerboat Instructor. Otherwise, young persons 12yrs or older qualified to RYA Powerboat Level 2 can helm provided that, if under 16yrs, they are supervised on board by an RYA PB2 qualified adult. The latter should wear the kill cord (or part of a dual kill cord).

4. Emergency Use.

Definition. When a person or vessel is in grave and imminent danger. None of the above rules will restrict use in extreme circumstances but we still expect safe and responsible action. Call [999](#), Ch16 or Ch14 Port Control Flag immediately before or promptly during use of the boat.

5. Water Taxi.

In normal circumstances Tango 1(Brunel) will be used. Young persons 12yrs or older may use this duty as practice towards a qualification but always subject to the agreement and on board supervision of a PB2 qualified adult or approved by a TRSC Powerboat Instructor. The adult should wear the kill cord (or part of a dual kill cord). All conditions of Rule 1 apply.

6. Maintenance Use.

Urgent or routine attention to moorings or similar group activities must be organised and supervised by a designated club officer. That will include the Appointed Person for Lifting Operations or Mooring Master or someone that he/she delegates. Tango 1(Brunel) is designated as the club work boat and should therefore solely be used for arduous activities that may cause damage to a less robust boat. All conditions of Rule 1 apply.

7. Fueling Power Boats.

Fuel is stored in the fuel store, when required for use by the powerboats it will be taken from the store to the boats in sealed containers. Fueling of boats must be undertaken by adults, no young person under 16 is permitted to directly fuel or decant fuel for use in a powerboat.

8. Rib Challenges.

Special rules and supervision apply.

9. Powerboat Log.

All helms are required to complete the tablet log of use and maintenance reporting held in the Cadet Store at the end of each session. In the event of a technical failure of the tablet logs must be made manually in the book provided in the store.

10. Other use.

Will not be permitted without the prior authorisation of the Commodore, Flag Officers or RTC Principal. Use of the boats without such approval is a disciplinary matter. All damages caused during non club use will be chargeable.

11. Not in use

Any bpats with a NOT IN USE tag on the key MUST NOT BE USED WITHOUT THE BOSUNS APPROVAL.

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