



## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESCUE CREWS 2009 / 10**

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*It is important that the Rescue Boat key is collected from the Club Manager and returned to him at the end of racing.*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RESCUE BOATS ARE FITTED WITH A "KILL SWITCH" AND A SPECIAL KEY IS REQUIRED TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE THE ENGINE. THIS KEY WILL BE ISSUED TO THE RESCUE CAPTAIN BY THE DUTY OFFICER AND (S)HE WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN FOR THIS KEY.**

**Rescue crews are requested to carefully note these instructions and ensure that they are followed.**

**Rescue crews are responsible to the Duty Officer on duty for that weekend. Approach him for any queries.**

- 1) Immediately on arrival report to the Duty Officer to make him/her aware of your presence. Please carry your mobile phone with you at all times and ensure that the Duty Officer has your phone number.

**Please note that the first name on the Roster will be the Captain for the weekend.**

- 2) Ascertain from the Duty Officer whether he has any special instructions.
- 3) Find your fellow Rescue crews and make sure the rescue boat is ready and filled with petrol and the required safety and operational equipment; see the addendum below.
- 4) Ensure that you understand the courses to be sailed and the relevant Starting times. Adjust the positions of any marks at the request of the Duty Officer. Assist Keelboat crews to their boats as necessary.
- 5) Please maintain a strict control of the rescue boat and do not just let anyone use it. Remember **you** are responsible for it that weekend.
- 6) Please note that, per the Merchant Shipping Act (Act No 57 of 1951) and the Club bylaws, only authorised drivers are permitted to drive the rescue boats. If you are not authorised, please get tested and added to the list or get the Duty Officer to drive.
- 7) Please make sure the rescue boat is securely tied up on the Saturday and Sunday nights on the leeward side of the jetty with fenders suitably deployed.
- 8) Return the Buoyancy aids, fire extinguishers and first aid kits to the Sailing Office after each day's activities.

## ADDENDUM

Please ensure that the rescue boat has the following aboard:

- Buoyancy aid/life jacket, one per crew member
- Fire extinguisher
- 2 oars or paddles
- Capsize rope
- Anchor and warp
- First-aid kit
- Air bellows
- Tow rope
- Fenders

### **Notes:**

Anchor and warp, fenders, tow ropes, bellows, capsize ropes, paddles, remain in the boat.

Buoyancy aids, fire extinguishers and first aid kits to be stowed in the Sailing Office after each day's activities.

Spares, tools, pontoon repair kit and first aid book remain in the Sailing Office, available as needed.

**NB: PLEASE REPORT ANY PROBLEMS TO THE DUTY RACE OFFICER  
IN ORDER FOR HIM/HER TO RESOLVE ISSUES BEFORE THE SAILING NEXT WEEKEND.**