

Support Boat Crew – Further Guidance Note COVID-19

In addition to WWSC Standard Support Crew Guidance Note, during the COVID-19 period please take note of the following:

1. Preparation

Be sure to bring with you sufficient clothing and wet gear as well as your buoyancy aid, as no WWSC kit is available. Take note that Witches Kitchen will be open for re-booked food & drinks, but only open for limited times. Hand sanitiser & anti-bacterial spray can be found in the Support Boat anchor locker / bucket to wipe controls etc. Please advise OOD when this is running low.

2. Support Boat Allocation

During this period a Support Boat is allocated for Duty each day and is left locked away for min 72hrs before being allocated for any subsequent Duty. The smaller Support Boats are being utilised so that the Support Crew can launch and recover without / with minimal assistance. Any person's providing assistance should not touch the Support Boat but make use of the trailer's painter taking note of the 2m marks. The maximum safe operating limit of these boats is F4.

Current Support Boats are as follows:

- Saturday Boat: Left-hand Club Garage – RIB 1 Avon 20hp
- Sunday Boat: Right-hand Club Garage – RIB 6 Avon 15hp

3. Support Crew P.P.E.

In addition to the standard equipment these Support Boats are equipped with:

- Support Crew PPE Black Tub – Please only open in emergency, instructions and contents are detailed on the outside of the PPE Black Tub. Advise OOD if this is opened.
- Folding Ladder – To assist sailors get out of the water unaided. First ensure engine is switched off. Check the ladder is still secured to boat secure fixing point. Unlock the two catches & lower the ladder over the boat side into the water. Retract & bring in-board before re-starting the engine

4. Safety on the Support Boat

It is suggested that where support boat crews are from different households, they undertake dedicated roles, one of helm and one of crew. The helm thus having contact with the rear part of the boat, engine & controls. The crew having contact with the front part of the boat, anchor, trailer winches and the like, thus reducing any potential cross contamination.

5. Race Hut

This is currently out of bounds to all persons except for the OOD. Please ask the OOD to collect keys & radios. Where support boat crews are from different households only one person to use each radio handset.

6. Assistance to Sailors

When approaching, adopt a stand-off approach, ascertain first if they require assistance before going along side, only take on board sailors in an emergency. Stay Safe.

7. Fuel Tanks

At the end of the day put the Support Boat back in the same garage as the start of the day, leave the fuel tank in the boat. The Support Boat will remain here for min 72hrs.

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