


Support Boat Summary Guidance

RIB Pre-Launch	RIB Launch & On Water Checks	RIB Recovery
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Our aim is to ensure fellow members enjoy their sailing in the knowledge that we have provided support cover at advertised times appropriate to the conditions b) Please check weather forecast before going afloat! c) Which RIB to select for Support Duty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIB 1 light wind up to F4/5 / less experienced helm • RIB 2 heavier wind / more experienced helm (ie PB2) d) Lift engine up BEFORE leaving cage (button on console) e) Check Paynter secure to Trailor (Do NOT rely on winch) f) Inflate sponsons with foot pump until firm / hard g) Collect RIB keys / VHF / 1st Aid from Race Hut h) Collect fuel tank from main fuel store (fill min ¾ full) i) Check kit aboard: Anchor / Paddle / Tow Line etc j) Check bung is inserted in transom k) Prime fuel bulb until hard (several pumps needed) l) Do NOT start engine whilst ashore / prop out of water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Helm MUST wear “Kill cord”, just above their knee b) Launch RIB helm only aboard (collect crew at pontoon) c) Do NOT lift fast idle before start (engine auto choke) d) Check engine controls are in neutral to start engine e) Start engine only once engine foot is in deep water f) Reverse out min 50m offshore to avoid prop damage g) Check engine fully lowered (button on console) h) Warm up engine before hard acceleration i) Check forward & reverse gears engage OK j) Check steering turns port & starboard OK k) Check engine Tell Tale for water flow (starboard side) l) Beware of rope / obstructions in the water m) Switch off engine when near persons in the water, unless you might drift into danger! <p style="text-align: center;">Always think safety!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Do NOT remove RIB from water until OOD says so b) Request OOD assist with RIB recovery ashore c) Drop off crew at pontoon, who can aid recovery ashore d) Use RIB Trailer with same number as on RIB bow e) Consider recover RIB by pontoon in severe conditions f) Take care not to damage prop when close to shore g) Lift engine up BEFORE recovering RIB (button on console) h) Secure Paynter to Trailor (Do NOT rely on winch) i) Once ashore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove bung in transom to allow water to drain out • Return keys / VHF / 1st Aid to Race Hut • Return fuel tank to main fuel store • Lower engine only once inside RIB cage • Lock engine safe top & bottom both locks! • Lock RIB cage door
VHF Radio	Support Responsibilities	Lastly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarise yourself with VHF before going afloat • Check Volume is turned up to min 20 • Check Channel is set to “37A” • Your VHF Call Sign is “Club Support” (You are NOT a Safety Boat) • Check VHF handset transmits / receives OK with OOD • VHF technique: “OOD, OOD, this is Club Support” etc • Keep VHF conversation short and precise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend every capsized within 3 minutes • Care of people before property • Look out for any other incidences on the water • Advise OOD if conditions too severe for Support Crew • Consider reducing sailing area in severe conditions • Record any advice given to OOD in OOD’s log book • Keep min 50m away from fishermen (incl those ashore) • Keep speed low when not necessary, be aware of wash 	<p style="text-align: center;">Please report any issues to OOD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your Support Cover</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p style="font-size: small;">Weir Wood Sailing Club</p> </div>