

Cushendall Sailing and Boating Club

Rescue Boat Safety Briefing

- All safety boats skippers or a representative must attend the safety briefing in the bar upstairs in CSBC before the particular event.
- All rescue boats must carry out a radio check with the club house before the start of any event.
- Boats should have full fuel tanks and should have carried out the daily check list.
- Lifejackets must be worn and correctly fastened at all times whilst afloat.
- Kill cords are used whenever the boat is in motion.
- Alcohol is not to be consumed during safety boat operation.
- Smoking is not be permitted on petrol driven safety boats.
- Never have fewer than 2 people in the boat and equally don't overload them.
- One person in safety boat must be prepared to get in the water to assist if required e.g. in righting a capsized boat
- Turn the engine off/check the boat is not in gear when you are rescuing a person in the water – **the prop must be stationary.**
- Your priority is **people not property** – rescue the crews first, then boats and possessions.
- Keep a good lookout and maintain radio contact/listening.
- The working channel is Channel 06. Please do not use any other channels or “Scan” unless instructed.
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