

## **Pick-Up and Support Boat Policy**

1. Club motor boats are only to be used for GSC sanctioned events and with the permission of a Club office bearer.
2. The boats are only to be driven by NSW Maritime licensed drivers.
3. Drivers are to have undergone GSC instruction on support boat usage.
4. It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure the boat complies with Waterways minimum safety requirements. If the boat does not comply it is not to be used.
5. It is essential that a support/pick-up boat has a minimum of 2 adults on board. It is difficult to attempt any sort of rescue with only 1 person on board.
6. Any children in the boat are to be on board as observers, to be there with the express permission of their parent/carer, and are to wear approved personal flotation devices (PFD) at all times.
7. The rigid inflatable training boat (RIB) is only to be used by Club members 19 years of age or over and is only to be driven by NSW Maritime licensed drivers. All people in the RIB are to wear Personal Flotation Devices at all times. Children (under 19 yrs) are not to be in the boat at any time.
8. Drivers are to monitor the appropriate 2-way radio frequency in use by GSC at all times.

### **Support & Start Boats – Equipment List**

#### Minimum NSW Maritime Requirements for Enclosed Waters Use during Daylight hours:

- Personal Flotation Devices – 1 per person
- Paddle
- Bucket and lanyard
- Fire Extinguisher
- Anchor and line
- Sound signal device, eg. Air horn

#### Additional Equipment to be carried by Club Support & Start Boats

- Tow rope
- 2-way radio (tuned to VHF Channel 73 or 27Mhz channel 94)
- Bottles of water for crew
- GSC Course Sheets
- Sharp knife
- Bolt cutters
- Boat hook

#### Additional Equipment to be carried by Start Boat

- Flag mast
- Starters flags
- Air horn
- Clipboard & pen