

Safety Boat Checklist

1. Make sure there are enough safety boats with experienced crews **to cover the day's wind conditions** and other variable needs.
2. Ensure that all safety boats have **reliable radio contact** with the Race Officer and also someone on shore so that they can be directed to incidents when necessary. This radio contact should be tested regularly throughout the event.
3. Let the safety boat crews know of any **sailors who may need special attention** such as high level needs or novice sailors etc, give boat numbers and boat/sail colours.
4. Make sure that there is a fully manned safety boat **capable of immediate deployment to any incident at all times** that the Access competitors are on the water.
5. Have one of the safety boats available to the Jetty/Pontoon/Hoisting manager to you **to move boats on the jetty around each other** if they get out of sequence for hoisting or in the wrong area.
6. Have the use of power boats available to the Jetty/Pontoon/Hoisting manager **to tow the sailors using the hoist to the start line if needed.** *(Remember that although it is the responsibility of the sailor to get to the start line on time, if the sailor needs the hoist it is your responsibility to get them into their boats (i.e. through the hoist) in time for them to make the start line on time. Therefore this part of the day's operation is crucial to both the club and the sailor having a successful event.*
7. It is now admissible for a sailor to adjust the outhaul and reefing on the water before their class flag is raised and after crossing the finishing line. We suggest that **safety boats offer help in making such adjustments** to sailors who are not able to carry out these adjustments themselves, subject to safety cover not being compromised.