

Role of Support Boat Skipper

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Please note: Beginning support boat skippers must spend at least two (2) sessions of induction with a regular support boat skipper before being approved to oversee a boat themselves. The induction must be recorded and signed on the Support Boat Induction Document

It is the Support Boat Skipper's responsibility to:

- ✓ Check the support boat, radios, fuel and motor (with propeller guard) to ensure reliable operation.
- ✓ When an event is in progress the Support Boat is always to be on water.
- ✓ Support boat skippers must always have the outboard lanyard chord attached to themselves.
- ✓ Ensure that ship to shore communication is operational before leaving the shore.
- ✓ Hold a current Qld boat licence.
- ✓ Ensure the Support Boat observer is aware of safety issues eg. towing procedures, reefing sails, use of keel winches etc.
- ✓ Report any on water incident to the Supervisor/Officer of the Day
- ✓ Ensure each boat carries bailers/sponges, a boat hook, paddles, anchor and anchor rope and a lifebuoy.
- ✓ Allow on water transfers only with approval of the Officer of the Day.
- ✓ Ensure that a support boat is not be used for joy rides. Support boats will only carry client sailors who are unable to sail on one of the sailing boats.
- ✓ Ensure that low boat speed and no wash occurs when close to sailing craft in the buoyed area as the wash from their passing boat can cause anxiety and danger.
- ✓ Always approach and hold sailing boats on the skipper's side to avoid sailor's arms or legs that could be hanging over the boats side.
- ✓ Be aware of the shallow depth of The Causeway lake to prevent damage to outboards and boats.
- ✓ Position and remove marker buoys for the triangular sailing course and Hobie sailing area limits at the start of the day.
- ✓ Position and retrieve black launch area mats.
- ✓ Must be vigilant and keep a good lookout for any sailing boat needing assistance.
- ✓ Complete activity log at the end of each day.

Role of Support Boat Observer

The Support Boat Observer will:

- ✓ Be aware of safety issues eg. Sailor/Client Safety Techniques, towing methods, use of keel winches etc.
- ✓ Be capable of providing on water assistance to sailors.
- ✓ Be prepared to enter the water as required.
- ✓ Be fully aware of and be able to supervise Man Overboard Procedures (MOB).
- ✓ Must be vigilant and keep a good lookout for any sailing boat needing assistance.
- ✓ Must always remain seated and no bow riding.