

WYSA
Operating Procedures

POWERBOAT
May 2022

Ratio

Maximum of 6 people in the powerboat
Instructing 1:3 (PB2) | 1:6 (Safetyboat)

Minimum Governing Body Award

To drive a powerboat on Upton Warren lake, the driver must hold at least a RYA Level 2 Powerboat certificate, unless under instruction from a RYA Powerboat Instructor.

To drive a powerboat acting as a safetyboat on Upton Warren lake, the driver must hold a RYA Safetyboat certificate, or have undertaken training by a RYA Powerboat Instructor to Aztec Upton Warren's level of safetyboat competence, in addition to their RYA Level 2 Powerboat certificate.

To teach powerboating on Upton Warren lake, the instructor must hold a RYA Powerboat Instructor's certificate in addition to the Powerboating certificate which is relevant to the course on which they are teaching.

Equipment required by the WYSA Sailor

- Appropriate clothing to keep the sailor operating safely considering the weather conditions.
- Footwear must not be flip flops or bare feet.
- Correctly fitted buoyancy aid conforming to ISO 12402-5 regulation. If the participant has a medical condition that could cause them to become unconscious during the activity, they should wear a life jacket conforming to ISO 12402-4.

Before the Session Starts

Enough powerboats for the day's requirement plus one, if available, should be launched. The trolleys should be stacked out of the way in the downstairs room unless it is to be used by a group, and then the trolleys should be stacked outside, out of the way, the boats should be set up ready to use.

Check that the powerboat contains all the equipment required by the RYA:

- A paddle.
- An anchor.
- A tow line with hook.
- A fuel tank, which should be secured.
- A spare kill cord.
- A fire extinguisher.
- Map of the lake.
- Knife.
- Multi Tool.
- Throw Bag.
- Emergency foil blanket.
- First aid kit.

Check that the bungs are fitted.

Get the fuel tank and check that there is enough fuel, it should be a minimum of half full. The fuel store should be relocked once the powerboats are set up.

Check that the engine has a cooling jet while running.

Checked that the kill cord stops the engine when it is removed.

Check that the powerboat is free from water and rubbish.

Pontoons used by WYSA need to be cleaned of all faeces.

All equipment that is going to be used must be checked for its integrity and correct fitment.

If there are any problems with the safetyboat, they should be reported to the Aztec Duty Manager.

During the Session

The number of passengers that a powerboat can carry must not exceed six including the driver. When operating as a safetyboat the powerboats should not carry unnecessary people, as it may reduce their effectiveness.

The powerboat driver must always use a kill cord when the engine is running and while starting the engine.

The powerboat should be loaded as evenly as possible, with the weight as balanced as possible.

The powerboat should always be driven to current RYA best practice. Powerboats will not be used for joy riding. Driving the powerboat in such a way that a wash is created, especially when it creates a wave which washes into the pontoons, aqua park or beaches, should be avoided, unless it is required for reasons of safety.

No one should remove any item of safety equipment from the powerboat unless for use as intended, in the assistance of other water users.

When on station at the jetties, during water activities the kill cord, should be left in position on the boat. The engines should be switched off.

Before the powerboat driver leaves the pontoon, the powerboat driver should check that the kill cord works.

The engine must always be turned off in close proximity to people in the water, or when in contact with other craft.

Occupants of the powerboat should not stand up when the powerboat is in motion.

Smoking is strictly forbidden in powerboats.

Powerboats must be kept clean and rubbish free.

Powerboat driver must be aware of the shallow spots on the lake, particularly those indicated by marker buoys. These are clearly shown on the Aztec map.

Ending the Session

Check if the equipment is required for a further session, if it is not, make sure that all equipment is correctly put away.

The powerboats should be removed from the water, drained and the bungs replaced, then stored in the downstairs room. It takes a minimum of two people to remove a powerboat from the water.

The fuel tanks should be removed from the boats and stored in the fuel store.

Kill cords should remain on the boat. The fuel lines should also remain on the boats, secured so that they are not in the water.

If the powerboat is to be left on the pontoon it should be left free of litter and containing all the equipment mentioned above. The kill cord should be left in place.

If there has been any damage to Aztec equipment it should be reported to the WYSA Senior Instructor, who will inform the Aztec Duty Manager if present, or email the Aztec Operations Manager if not.

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If there have been any accidents, incidents or near misses they should be reported as outlined as in the Emergency Procedures.