

Howth Yacht Club

RIB Driving Requirements

HYC has a dedicated RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) Rescue and Training service for Club Racing, Open Events and Club Training Courses.

HYC requires rib drivers and crew throughout the year. The rostering of drivers and crew is handled by the Marina Office based on the approved RIB drivers list.

Junior members are encouraged to participate in Rescue and Mark Laying. Qualification is attained through completion of HYC Powerboat courses under the ISA National Powerboat Training Scheme.

These courses are provided to HYC members who in return are required to agree to be rostered for Rescue and Mark Laying during the sailing season.

New drivers and crew wishing to be involved should apply to the Club using the Application Form available on the club website.

Juniors (14-20 years)

The club provides progressive training for juniors from the Introduction to Powerboating Certificate (Level 1), through the National Powerboat Certificate (Level 2) to the Safety Boat Certificate (Level 3).

Once they achieve the Introduction to Powerboating Certificate they can be rostered as crew and will get some driving experience under the supervision of an experienced driver. In accordance with national law a person under the age of 16 may not drive unsupervised.

When they have reached the age of 16 and have logged at least 30 hours in the club ribs they can apply for the National Powerboat Certificate. Once this is completed, their name is added to the approved RIB drivers list which is displayed in the marina office.

Applications for the Safety Boat Course are accepted from experienced drivers holding the National Powerboat Certificate and who have logged a further 30 hours in the club ribs. To obtain the Safety Boat Certificate candidates must also hold a valid First Aid Certificate and a VHF Operators Certificate

Adults

Adults with sailing experience who wish to assist with dinghy coaching, rescue or mark laying and who hold a valid ISA National Powerboat Certificate or equivalent qualification should apply to the Sailing Secretary to complete a Familiarisation Briefing with a HYC Powerboat Instructor. This session includes a briefing on the use of the club ribs. Once this Familiarisation Briefing is completed, their name is added to the approved RIB drivers list which is displayed in the marina office.

Non members

Non HYC members may use the club ribs for the purposes of coaching or on the water jury. Non HYC members must produce a valid ISA National Powerboat Certificate and complete a Familiarisation Briefing with a HYC Powerboat Instructor before being permitted to operate any HYC rib. This session includes a briefing on the use of the club ribs and local hazards which the visitor must be made aware of.

General

Only those named on the approved RIB drivers list may use club ribs. For health and safety reasons, anyone who has not driven a HYC rib for 20 hours or more in the previous six months must complete a further review with a HYC Powerboat Instructor to remain on the approved RIB drivers list.

HYC reserves the right to withdraw access to a Club rib at any time, where in the opinion of a HYC Powerboat Instructor a driver has not demonstrated the required standard.

The use of HYC ribs for Rescue, Mark Laying, Training and other related activities must always be approved by the Sailing Committee, Junior Affairs Organiser or Head of Powerboat Training.