

## **HYC Policy for loaning RIBs.**

*Howth Yacht Club has a policy relating to the supply of club RIB(s) to members in respect of critical support to sailors for training and away events.*

1. The request must be made in writing to the Club Manager by the “member-in-charge”, giving the information necessary relating to the members involved, the event location (If “Away”) and dates, the proposed RIB helm and other relevant information to facilitate a decision.

The RIB Request Form template can be found at <http://www.hyc.ie/ribsAndRescue>

2. The “Member-in-charge” must be a fully paid-up Ordinary, Senior or equivalent category member of HYC.

3. The Club Manager will pass the request to the Sailing Committee which shall then decide if a RIB may be loaned.

4. If the request is granted, the Club Manager will confirm and inform the requestor, in writing, as to their responsibilities i.e. they will be held responsible for any damage to the boat, engine, road trailer or any loss/ damage of equipment.

5. The helm of the RIB must hold a National Powerboat Cert or equivalent. A helm that is not a HYC member may be granted permission to drive a RIB but must be checked by a HYC powerboat instructor.

6. For club events, the helm must log the boat out and in at the Marina Office.

7. Radios may be provided for club and local events (Sutton, Clontarf, Malahide, Dun Laoghaire, etc.), but not for other away locations. **Fuel used must be paid for on a daily basis.**

8. If the boat is to go by road, the marina staff shall load the boat on the RIB trailer. Before the release form is signed, the marina staff shall instruct the person responsible as to the correct procedures for the towing and tying down of the boat and engine to the trailer. The person designated to tow RIB should be able to present a valid driving licence and insurance to the Club Manager.

The equipment shall include 2 anchors, 2 paddles, 1 **empty** fuel tank and a tailboard. The member-in-charge shall accompany the trailered RIB at all times.

9. On return of the boat, the marina staff (in the presence of the person responsible) shall check for any damage or loss to the boat, engine, road trailer, or equipment. The “member-in-charge” shall be responsible for damage to the RIB and any insurance excess that is applicable.

10. In the event that HYC requests a boat from a club member, or local club, the boat must be checked out by the marina staff in the presence of the owner. Only boats that meet the required standards will be acceptable. HYC will be responsible for all fuel and transport costs. The Club Manager will add this boat to the HYC insurance policy. Before the boat is returned to the club or owner, it must be “checked back”, in the presence of the owner, for any damage.