

POWERBOAT REFRESHER SESSION QUESTIONS Rev (B) 15/12/2021

1. During the racing you take in tow a dinghy with a broken main halyard, what are your concerns while the dinghy is under tow? You notice a dinghy has capsized at the other end of the lake what are your actions?

Answer: Concern is the safety of other sailors who are racing, keep a good lookout. If a capsized boat is seen leave / abandon the dinghy under tow and check on the capsized boat at the other end of the lake.

2. During racing the engine on the safety boat fails and you are unable to re-start it what are your actions?

Answer: Advise race officer via radio, depending on conditions finish each boat the next time through the start line or abandon race immediately and advise all boats to return to shore. Allow powerboat to drift to shore if adjacent to launching area or anchor off lee shore and climb out of boat to shore. Launch second safety boat.

3. It is a particularly windy day with many boats capsizing. The helm from a dinghy on a lee shore asks for assistance to help him get sailing again. What do you do?

Answer: If helm on lee shore is uninjured the sailor and the boat are a low priority. If assistance is provided a close lookout must be kept on the other boats / sailors and leave / abandon the dinghy being assisted to check on other boats if required.

4. It is a 'RED' wind day and a junior departs the shore and capsizes shortly afterwards, he rights the dinghy and capsizes again. What do you do?

Answer: Attend the capsize, advise the sailor that conditions seem to be challenging for the sailor and you are concerned for his safety and suggest he returns to shore. If the sailor wishes to continue may be allow a further capsize and if this occurs, insist he returns to shore escorting him there if necessary.

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5. You are the powerboat helm and you find the fuel tank on the boat is empty and the fuel store is empty too. What are your actions?

Answer: The racing is postponed until suitable & sufficient fuel supplies are obtained.

6. A junior who has capsized a number of times looks cold, although he insists he is fine. What do you do?

Answer: Insist he returns to shore escorting him there if necessary.

7. An adult has capsized and has failed to right his boat on several occasions. What do you do?

Answer: Attend the capsize, keep powerboat helm between a person in the water and engine, provide assistance to right the boat, with sailor's agreement, (mast lift or use forestay / shrouds). If unable to right recover sailor into the safety boat (with sailor's agreement / co-operation) advise the sailor that conditions seem to be too challenging for him and you are concerned for his safety and suggest he returns to shore. Sailor's boat could be anchored to prevent damage and recovered when racing has finished. During period where assistance is being provided a close lookout must be kept on the other boats / sailors and leave / abandon the dinghy being assisted to check on other boats if required.

8. A capsized dinghy has its mast stuck in the mud. What are your actions?

Answer: During period where assistance is being provided a close lookout must be kept on the other boats / sailors and leave / abandon the dinghy being assisted to check on other boats if required. If unable to right recover sailor into the safety boat (with sailor's agreement / co-operation). Sailor's boat recovered when racing has finished.

9. A dinghy has capsized, and you suspect the helm / crew member is trapped underneath the boat. What are your actions?

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Answer: Keep powerboat helm between dinghy / person in the water and engine. The quickest way to right dinghy is conventional capsized recovery technique. Safety boat assistant takes to water and uses centre board to right dinghy. Powerboat provides assistance if required by towline to far shroud and once sail flat to water supporting the mast.

10. A person is in the water adjacent to the boat you are approaching. What are your actions?

Answer: Keep powerboat helm between dinghy / person in the water and engine. Stop engine and drift onto boat / person if coming alongside.

11. The lake is shrouded in mist / fog at the start or during racing. What are your actions?

Answer: If prior to start, delay the start until the lake is visible from one end to the other. If racing has already started and conditions are deteriorating contact race officer with concerns and depending on conditions advise race officer to finish each boat the next time through the start line or abandon race immediately and advise all boats to return to shore. Safety boat to do sweep of lake and check all boats are ashore.

12. A sailor is badly injured by being struck by the boom and is unconscious some distance from his boat that has capsized. What are your actions?

Answer: The sailor is the priority, leave the boat. Advise the race officer by radio to call the emergency services and abandon racing. Recover the sailor commence ABC of resuscitation. Return to shore driving safety boat slowly up the beach area to make recovery of casualty easier using other sailors to assist. Take casualty to club house and continue First Aid. Send someone to meet / guide emergency services to the lake. When casualty handed to emergency services review the major incident plan and implement.