

RNIYC EMERGENCY TOW BOAT (ETB) COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOL

CREW PREPATATION

- Crew should wear gloves at all times for launching, recovery and while on the water
- Where practical, a face mask should be worn while on duty
- NB: please remember to avoid touching your face, nose, eyes or mouth even while wearing gloves
- Ensure that ETB crew is familiar with the use of PPE and the COVID-19 Emergency equipment in the COVID-19 Emergency box

PRE-LAUNCH PREPARATION AND SANITIZING

- ALL ETB surfaces above the water line including sponsons, grab ropes, rails, A frame, seats and engine cowling, must be sanitised with the products provided. Special attention should be given to the console area i.e. helm, throttle controls and VHF radio controls.

ON THE WATER

- Crew will be singlehanded or two from the same household
- Where possible sailors should NOT be brought aboard but should be towed ashore
- If a casualty is brought on board, minimum physical contact should be made. See Guidance for use of ETB COVID-19 Emergency equipment

LAUNCHING AND RECOVERY

- Launching and recovery should be facilitated using the tractor to reduce the need for personnel to be in close proximity
- Where possible launching and recovery personnel and crew should remain 2 meters apart.

POST DUTY RIB CLEANING, SANITIZING & STORAGE

- Normal engine flushing and rib hose down should be carried out by the crew who have just used the ETB.
- All surfaces above the waterline should be sanitised with the products provided.
- If contact has been made with non-household members, the crew should carefully remove wet gear after duty and shower.

NB: Please remember that the RNIYC guidelines above are complimentary to the current Government and RYA(NI) guidelines.