

## RNIYC

### Protocol for the use of Emergency Tow Boats (ETB) and equipment

1. Each ETB must have Emergency equipment stored in a sealed box.
2. The box should contain :-
  - 3x Sanitised tow ropes
  - 2x Lifejackets
  - Masks
  - Gloves
  - SanitiserContents to be checked by ETB crew before launch.
3. Box to be opened in emergency by gloved ETB crew.
4. Tow rope, if needed, to be attached to ETB
5. Free end of tow rope to be thrown to endangered vessel helm for attachment.
6. Endangered vessel and crew to be towed to slipway area.
7. Tow rope to be detached from ETB.
8. Used tow ropes to be re-sterilised later using anti-viral spray before return to emergency box later
9. If two tow ropes used in a session, all vessels must immediately go ashore.
10. Endangered vessel crew to be taken aboard ETB only in life saving scenario.
11. If crew to be taken aboard ETB, all ETB crew and endangered vessel crew to wear gloves and masks ASAP and until the emergency actions are complete.

*This protocol is one of a series of RNIYC protocols to facilitate members' compliance with RYA(NI) Guidance (29 May 2020) and Sport(NI) Framework Guidance (Step1).*