

SMS 08 SUPPORT BOATS - POLICY

Queen Charlotte Yacht Club

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Support Boats - Policy document is to set the expectations for the use of the club's support boats.

The support boats are some of the most critical items held by the club. Without them we cannot operate our boating activities. They are valuable assets in their own right, expensive to run and maintain, and require careful handling.

The club currently has four support boats:

Orange Duck *Orange Wavebreaker powered by 40hp Yamaha*

Top 10 *White Naiad powered by 40hp Honda*

Swanson *White Naiad powered by 50hp Honda.*

Worlds *White Aquapro powered by 40hp Honda*

POLICIES

1. We will use the support boats for their primary purpose, that is, support and rescue, and not be distracted from this purpose.
2. We will comply with the relevant sections of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 and Maritime NZ guidelines.
3. We will follow the recommended Yachting NZ safety and maintenance guidelines.
4. We will follow the procedures outlined in the YNZ / Moss exemption.
5. We will ensure competent skippers and crew members operate support boats, and that skippers have completed the QCYC Support boat course.
6. Skippers will be aged 15 years or over unless they are under the direct supervision of a person over the age of 15 years, who is in immediate reach of the controls. [Maritime NZ Rule Part 91.5]
7. Skippers will be responsible for ensuring the correct equipment is carried each time the boat is used.
8. Skippers will wear 'kill cords' when boats are under power.
9. All persons on-board a QCYC rescue boat shall wear a correctly fitting P.F.D at all times
10. We will ensure the support boats, and the equipment they carry, are well maintained and relevant records kept.

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