

Sailability Mackay

Support Boat Procedures

These procedures provide a framework for the operation of the support boat during sailing operations. The support boat remains on duty whenever a dinghy is on the water.

Main functions

To watch over dinghy sailing

To support the pontoon

To keep a watching brief over weather conditions

The skipper

Must hold a current Queensland Recreational Marine Driver's Licence (or equivalent)

Must have been signed-off by a volunteer delegated by the committee as qualified to operate the support boat

Must hold a current first aid certificate or ensure a crew member has this qualification

Skipper's role

Responsible for training of support boat crew

Performs checklist prior to commencing operation

Observes all applicable Q Transport rules whilst operating

Familiar with MOB procedures

Is in charge of dinghy sailing

If towing is required you will decide whether to tow astern using the dinghy's painter or to hold the dinghy to your boat's side.

Crew

Must be aware of safety issues, towing methods, how to rig and reef dinghies

Able to assist any skipper in need and to recognise a call or signal for assistance

Must be able to operate the support boat in an emergency

Procedures and duties

Prepare the boat for operation

Check radios if in use and tune to Channel 72

Report any on-water incident to the Officer of the Day (OOD)

Report on any adverse sailing conditions (such as increased wind or traffic)

Dinghy skippers must follow your directions

End of day procedures and duties

Ensure all dinghies are safely back at dock

Return the safety boat to its base or slip to trailer

Flush the engine as appropriate

If the safety boat is returned to a trailer wash it down where possible