



DELL QUAY SAILING CLUB

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DQSC LTD PATROL BOAT POLICY

1. Rationale

In accordance with the DQSC Safety on the Water Policy, Patrol Boats are provided for the following DQSC activities; Club Dinghy Racing, Open Meetings, Women on the Water (WOW), Blokes on Boats (BOB), Dinghy Cruising, Fun Fridays, Junior racing and Junior Race practice.

2. Provision of Patrol Boats

The provision and safe operation of the Patrol Boats shall be managed by Sailing Committee. The Sailing Committee shall:

- manage the provision of properly equipped and maintained Patrol Boats,
- manage Patrol Boat cover for all on-water DQSC events,
- manage the training and allocation of competent helm and crew.

3. Patrol Boat Provision and Equipment

a. **Patrol Boats.** The club provides the following craft for Patrol Boat operations:

- “Alfie” - 5.5m RIB with 50HP outboard.
- “Mary Ross” - 4.5m RIB with 40HP outboard.
- “Fred West” - Dell Quay Dory with 25HP outboard.
- “Dell Buoy” - Dell Quay Dory with 25HP outboard.
- “Mango” - Jeanneau Newmatic with 15HP outboard.

b. **Equipment.** Each Patrol Boat is equipped as described in the checklist (see Patrol Boat Operation).

4. Patrol Boat Management and Allocation

a. **Planning.** During the season planning, the Sailing Committee will allocate one or more Patrol Boats to each sailing event according to the expected number of entrants and sailing area. Typically this is:

- Normal club races - 1 Patrol boat,
- Pursuit, Frostbite, Longmore - 2 Patrol boats,
- Harbour races, Up the Creeks - 3 Patrol boats,
- Dinghy Cruising, WOW, BOB – 1 Patrol boat.

b. **Additional Patrol Boats.** The Race Officer may decide that additional Patrol Boat cover beyond that rostered is necessary. This might occur shortly before a race where there are more entrants than expected, a large number of inexperienced racers, or where the prevailing weather conditions dictate.

(1) If this is the case then the Duty Officer or Race Officer will seek volunteers from those present.



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(2) If there are no volunteers that are suitably qualified then the race will be abandoned.

(3) When an entrant to a race carries out a Patrol Boat duty redress will be given.

5. Crew Selection and Competence

- a. Every person that helms a Patrol Boat must hold RYA PBL2 as a minimum.
- b. All helms of DQSC Patrol boats at DQSC activities must hold RYA Safety Boat qualification.
- c. It is highly desirable that those operating the Patrol Boats should hold a current First Aid qualification.
- d. The club offers the following training to enable the DQSC Ltd Patrol Boat Policy to be fulfilled:
 - RYA Safety Boat course
 - RYA Power Boat Level 2
 - VHF Operator
 - First Aid

(1) The Hon Data Services Secretary will maintain a list of the relevant qualifications held by club members.

e. Crew Capacity.

(1) The Patrol Boat Crew should be fit and able to enter the water to assist a casualty.

(a) **Dress.** Dress to meet the conditions of the day – noting that even during the summer months the water temperature may not be suitable for periods of immersion unless in a suitable clothing ie wet suit/dry bag.

(b) **Buoyancy.** The Patrol Boat Crew must wear a **Buoyancy Aid** (DQSC Ltd has a limited supply for issue to the crew if required) and not a Life Jacket.

(2) The Patrol Boat Helm should be fit and able assist a casualty when not attending to duties of helming the Patrol Boat.

(a) **Dress.** Dress to meet the conditions of the day – noting that even during the summer months prolonged exposure to spray, wind etc may make normal clothing un-suitable.

(b) **Buoyancy.** The Patrol Boat Helm must wear a **Buoyancy Aid** (DQSC Ltd has a limited supply for issue to the crew if required) and not a Life Jacket.

f. No person under the age of 16 should helm Patrol Boats.



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g. Members who volunteer should be familiar with the operation of the boats and confident in their ability to handle them in the likely circumstances i.e. at slow speed, high speed and in close proximity to casualties.

(1) DQSC utilises Dutyman to allow members to volunteer for the required duties.

6. Patrol Boat Maintenance

a. Annual Servicing of Engines and Hull by appropriately qualified trades persons shall be organised by the Sailing Committee on an Annual basis and when required during the year in response to defects.

b. **Defects.** All defects to the Patrol Boats are to be reported via the Defects Books (in the club house foyer).