

WESTWOOD SAILING CLUB

POWER BOAT USAGE POLICY

This Power Boat Usage Policy (the “Policy”) provides guidelines and direction to Westwood members and sailing instructors on power boat use. Members are expected to report any behaviour that does not adhere to this Policy to the Executive. Disregarding this Policy may result in suspension or termination of your Westwood membership.

Only Westwood members in good standing or current Westwood sailing instructors may use the Westwood power boats, unless prior approval is given by the Executive.

- Purpose of use:
 - coaching during sailing instruction for Westwood group sailing classes.
 - race committee or safety boat for Westwood hosted races, or as Westwood-approved supplemental safety boat for other racing events.
 - rescue of a person or vessel in the water that is in distress and requires assistance.
 - other safety and/or training -related group activities.

All use of the power boats is subject to the following conditions:

- Operator of power boat must have Pleasure Craft Operator’s Card (PCOC) and Powered Vessel Operator’s Permit (PVOP aka Harbour Licence).
- Operator of power boat must follow Transport Canada marine safety guidelines with respect to equipment required to be carried on the vessel and is responsible for all passengers on the vessel.
- Operator of power boat must operate the boat in a seamanlike manner, without recklessness and without being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or drugs which may affect judgment or abilities.
- Operator of power boat must ensure anyone using the VHF radio to transmit holds a Restricted Radio Operator’s Certificate – Marine ROC(M), except for rescue/distress situations. No license is required to monitor stations.
- Operator of power boat has learned, from an experienced Westwood member, the proper techniques for operating the boat and for securing boat to the dock.

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