



WSC Patrol Boat Checklist and Guidance

Note: For Pleasure Vessels of less than 13.7 metres in length there are no statutory requirements for safety equipment other than those required under SOLAS V (which is N/A for WSC)

Club Patrol Boats x 2 – Ribcraft 4.8 (length 4.8m) **Training RIB x1** – Ribcraft 4.2m (length 4.2m, not used for Racing)

Operational Area – within 1 mile of WSC Race Box (i.e. in visual range)

Pre- Launch Check list	Key: M = Mandatory D = at RO/PB Driver Discretion * = Varies with area of operation
Hardware:	
A lifejacket (or buoyancy aid) - for EVERYONE on board	M - These should be provided by the rostered crew, but spares are available in the Training shed
Kill cord	M - Held in the Race Box with the Safety containers
Anchor & cable / warp	M - Stored in watertight floor compartment, check and drain if required (and securely fastened to RIB!)
Hull drain plug, Cockpit Bung, and Bailer (elephant trunk)	M - Hull drain plug (left in) and Bung tightly secured
Hand Bailer	D - Usually required for Opens, to pass to swamped dinghies
Tow rope	M – kept on RIB A-frame but needs to be secured to rear bridle for towing astern
Oars x 2	M - Alternative means of propulsion around casualties or close inshore
Jacobs Cradle	M – if disabled sailors are on the water
Boarding ladder	D - Injured Casualties should be lifted across sponson but more agile sailors may use the ladder
Information & Communications:	
Maritime Radio (e.g. VHF)	M - Permanently installed on the RIBs (do call check)
Race Signals (handheld flags)	D - Only required in <u>one</u> (lead) RIB and stored in the Race Box in Blue bag. (L ima, S ierra, and X ray)
Accurate watch/timer	D - Usually required for Opens and be provided by the rostered crew
Binoculars	D - stored in Race Box
Safety Container (except knife):	M - Issued and returned to Race Officer
Distress flares	M – Check packaging is sealed and no water ingress
Kill cord spare	M – Not to be issued as main one
First aid kit	M – Priority is to return the casualty to the shore
Wire cutters	M – Only to be used for entrapment/cutting metal rigging away – use the lanyard!
Knife	M – Store in holster mounted on console – use the lanyard to secure to hand hold and when in use!

Open Meeting Container (Orange case):	D - Stored in Race Office (not Race Box)
Hand Bearing Compass	D – Used for wind direction and mark laying
Wind direction indicator (tell-tale)	D – Used for wind direction and mark laying
Wind Speed indicator	D – Used for informing the Race Officer
Notes:	Risk Assessment – WSC Patrol boats operate in visual (and VHF) range of the Race Officer/Club
Spare fuel (in appropriate storage)	If required - Anchor your RIB, radio Race Box, and fuel can we brought out to you
Firefighting equipment	WSC Fire Policy - PB crews MUST abandon the PB in case of fire (having radioed Race Box IF safe to do so)