

P.I.S.C.
Safety / Standby Boats
Operational Training & Coaching

PISC RIB Coxswain Course Structure

PISC has a number of volunteer RIB coxswains and crew who carry out safety / patrol duties on sailing days using the club RIBs. In the UK safety boat training would be mandatory, generally provided through the RYA via sailing schools / clubs and be a progression through RYA Powerboat level 1 and 2 before completing the dedicated safety boat course.

Combined these courses require a minimum of 5 days intensive training. The HSSVOL issued in Cyprus and required by CySaF does not adequately examine any practical training, the on water assessment takes only minutes and is not fit for purpose. Unless the newly licenced operator has received formal training elsewhere this leaves them lacking in their ability to properly pilot a high speed craft. This shortfall in training could expose HSSVOL coxes to risk and liability and affects the duty of care which the club undertakes.

Objective

The objective of the PISC Coxswain Training Course is twofold;

Firstly, to provide some specific knowledge, skills and experience to club members in preparation for the HSSVOL theory examination and on water practical assessment.

Secondly, and more specifically to provide safety boat training particular to the role of the safety boat and our sailing operations at Agios Georgios.

Course graduates will possess the skills, knowledge and judgement tools, to confidently pilot a club RIB and provide support and emergency assistance in the event of incidents at sea during sailing days. Having completed training they will become part of the valuable roster of club RIB Coxswains that our sailors rely on every week should they capsize, breakdown, get into difficulty or become ill while out sailing. It should be noted however that this training is not a substitute for more comprehensive powerboat training courses or the more comprehensive RYA Safety Boat, VHF / GMDSS Short Range or First Aid courses. The content we cover is abridged to meet the specific club needs in Cyprus waters. Further in-depth formal training is of course encouraged and where possible will be supported by the club.

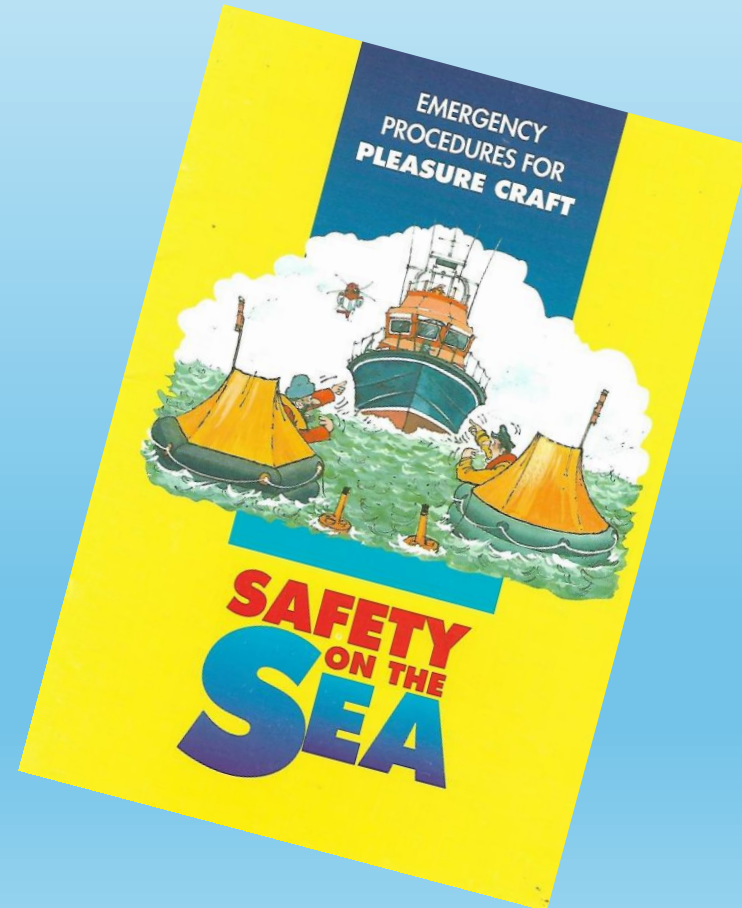
In summary we aim to provide participants the skills and knowledge to enable them to develop into confident and proficient skippers!

Course Structure

The course is made up of three clubhouse-based sessions and two on-water sessions.

Clubhouse Session I

- Club Responsibilities
- Your Responsibilities
- Safety and First Aid
- Communications

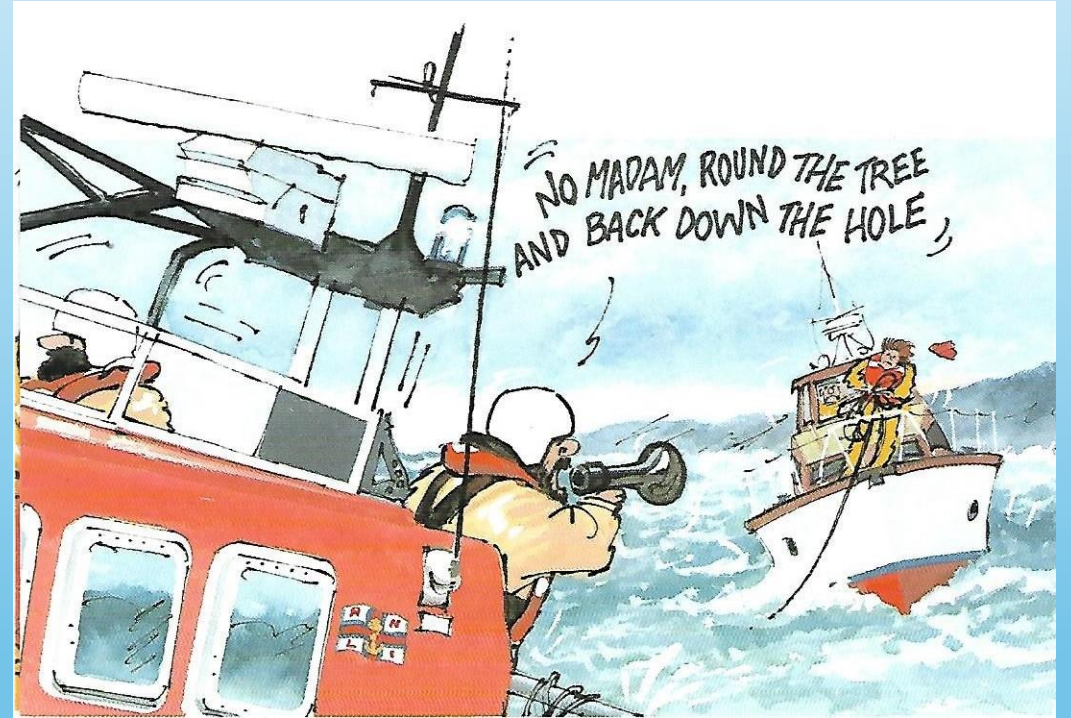


Clubhouse Session 2

- Outboard Motors – maintenance and operation
- Basic Seamanship
- Meteorology

Clubhouse Session 3

- First Aid
- Emergency First Response
- CPR and AED use



On Water Session 1

- Launch & Recovery
- Boat Handling
- Securing to and Picking Up Buoys
- Anchoring
- Alongside

On Water Session 2

- Rendering Assistance – Capsize
- Incident Management – Scenarios
- Man Overboard / Casualty Recovery – Scenarios
- First Aid / Emergency First Response – Scenarios



P.I.S.C. RIB Coxswain Training Courses

Courses will be organised subject to enrolment / numbers and structured to support those intending to qualify as HSSVOL holders. Applicants will need to apply to the Deputy Minister of Shipping to obtain an HSSVOL Learners Licence in advance of the course. The course theory lectures support the HSSVOL manual which will be considered a required publication and reading for the course. Copies are available from the club as are application forms for the HSSVOL licences and exams.

Theory sessions will take place in the clubhouse, probably weekday evenings. On-water sessions will be arranged to coincide with our normal sailing days at AG. So, Thursdays and Saturdays.

If you are interested in joining a course, please contact Iain Cosham by email coshskip1@gmail.com or the RCS sailing@pisc.org.cy