



UK RS Tera Class Association

Safety guidelines for all RS Tera (UK) racing & training events

The purpose of this document is to outline the operating procedures for RIB drivers at RS Tera racing and training events held in the UK.

RIB speed

RIBs to maintain slow and controlled speed when in proximity to Sailors. Maximum 15 knot RIB speed limit, with minimal wash, within 50m of an RS Tera, unless dealing with an incident. Kill cords are mandatory and will be worn at all times

Carrying of passengers

Where a RIB is required to carry sailors as passengers (for example to ferry sailors ashore to use the toilet) if they cannot occupy a seat, care needs to be shown and the RIB kept below planing speed so as to minimise the risk of injury.

Helm Age, Qualification and Experience

No under 16 year old drivers, unless specifically approved by the event / training organiser (Safety Officer or Lead Coach) and under the direct supervision of an 18 year old or over (RYA PB2 qualified driver) who takes responsibility for the RIB.

All RIB helms to hold minimum of RYA Powerboat level 2

Two responsible persons (PB2 qualified or Adult) to be in the RIB while afloat, unless specifically approved by the event / training organiser (Safety Officer or Lead Coach).

For newly qualified RIB helms, it is recommended that they are supervised by a qualified experienced RIB helm while they build experience

Coach / Support RIBS at RS Tera Events

All support vessels shall register at event venues in advance of the first days racing, and comply with local and event regulations, which may preclude support boats being used.

There will be a support vessel helms meeting at the Race Office before the practice race or at events where no practice race is scheduled or at a training event, at a time published in Notice of Race for events or within training documentation.

The VHF channel used at the specific event will be issued verbally at the support vessel helms meeting.

When at racing events, except when participating in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel, shall stay within the designated areas either shown in the event sailing Instructions or verbally at the support vessels briefing, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all racing boats have finished, or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment of **all fleets**.

Support vessels will not be free to move between designated areas from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all racing boats have finished, or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment of **all fleets**, but may move from one area to another whilst the fleet is at rest.

Whilst within designated areas support vessels must be at anchor with engines turned off.

Kill cords will be worn whilst engines are running, the course safety officer will be looking out for compliance on this issue, there are no excuses and vessels may be requested to leave the race or training area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.

When racing if a support vessel does not comply with the instructions above, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the race management team to some or all associated competitors and may include further restrictions on the movement of their support vessel.

When racing the Official Event Photographer may move between the start line and course marks in order to photograph the event, this vessel will display a distinguishing flag.

Night use

No Night RIB use unless approved by Safety Control or Lead coach

If use of a RIB during night is authorised, navigation aids, search lights, torches and appropriate safety equipment are required.

Risk assessments

Assessment to be completed for all RS Tera arranged Races and Training events

All shore-based activities organised as part of RS Tera training/squad camp are subject to a risk assessment.

Safety Equipment

All occupants of the RIB must wear suitable personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat.

One member of the crew should be prepared to enter the water if necessary.

All ribs should have as a minimum the following equipment:

1. A VHF radio capable of lasting for eight hours
2. A whistle or fog horn
3. An appropriate first aid kit
4. A sharp and easily accessible knife
5. Some form of safety blanket (plastic or tin foil)
6. A large bucket or bailer
7. A compass
8. A mobile phone
9. An anchor and sufficient warp (15-18m)
10. Spare kill-cord
11. Adequate fuel
12. A Paddle
13. Red and white tape for fastening to the pintel of an abandoned boat

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