

## DUTIES/EXPECTATIONS OF PATROL BOAT CREWS

It is recognised that crews may have little or no experience in Patrol Boats or knowledge of sailing. Although the patrol boat approved helm will be in overall charge and will give guidance as required, the following is intended as an overview of the main duties and expectations.

- The crew must wear a correctly fitting buoyancy aid.
- The crew must be suitably dressed [including footwear] for the conditions. They may be "on the water " for 2/3 hours. A wet or dry suit must be worn between October and May.
- The crew should be aware of the various parts of the boat and equipment carried.
- The crew should be familiar with the basics of operating the VHF radio, using a throw line and laying an anchor.
- The crew should have a basic understanding of towing techniques and knot tying.
- The crew should be aware of the man overboard procedure.
- The crew will be required to assist in removing/replacing the cover over Lapwing and laying/ recovering buoys.
- The crew may be required to assist in righting a capsized dinghy which may involve lifting the mast, putting weight on the centreboard and helping lift a sailor into the boat.
- The crew may be required to assist a kayaker in difficulty.
- The crew should make the patrol boat helm aware of any relevant medical conditions.

Reference should be made to the Club Patrol Boat Guidance Notes for further guidance and details.

**Please consider the above expectations before volunteering.**