



SGYC - BOAT DRIVER DUTIES

This is a summary of the duties required by the person driving the start/rescue boat. It is important to note that **the SGYC boat has dual purpose** (as a starting boat and a rescue boat).

At all times the **boat is to operate under the direction of the Race Officer.**

The rostered boat driver is expected to **arrive at the Club at least 2 hours before the scheduled race.**

The boat driver **must carry their Victorian Boat Licence** with them whilst on board the boat.

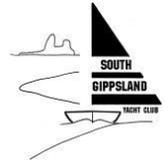
All duties are to be performed and checked in conjunction with the Race Officer.

Before Race

- Check that there is sufficient fuel in the boat fuel tank.
- Make sure the bungs are inserted in the boat before launching.
- Turn battery on.
- Check all equipment needed for the race is available and in the boat e.g. buoys, flags etc.
- Launch the boat.
- Check the radio is on Channel 77.
- Set the course with the Race Officer.
- Attend Briefing.
- Set the start line with the Race Officer.
- Assist Race Officer with the start timing sequence.
- After completion of the starting sequence or at a suitable time thereafter, the boat can be moved to an appropriate position to observe the race.

During Race

Both the boat driver and the Race Officer will observe the race and assist any yachts in trouble, sailors in distress (as first priority), continue to communicate with the Tower, continually monitor the weather conditions and if necessary carry out the "Shortened Course" procedure.



After Race

- Retrieve the buoys and/or markers.
- Request trailer to be taken to the boat ramp for retrieval.
- Retrieve the boat onto the trailer to be transported back to the Club.
- Wash boat, rinse motor and remove equipment for storage.
- Turn battery off at main switch.

Please remember that Safety is the most important role of the rescue boat, even if a rescue requires interruption of the starting sequence.