

Boat Rules/Guidelines

Background Information

Boat Design Capacity is Maximum 7 Persons or 1000Kg (ie. X persons + outboard weight + equipment weight)

Outboard Engine weight is 121Kg this leaves 879Kg max loading.

Average diver weight (fully dressed) = 95Kg

Average BCD /Reg/cylinder (combined) = 25Kg

Average weight belt = 16Kg

Average cylinder (full) = 20Kg

Average diver total weight 136Kg

This giving

Seven divers = 952Kg

Six divers = 816Kg (with extra cylinder each) = 936Kg

Five divers + spare cylinder each = 780Kg + Coxswain

Boat towing.

- **Recent Changes:** In December 2021, changes were made to allow drivers with a Category B licence to tow trailers up to 3,500kg without needing a separate B+E test, although this change may not be immediately reflected on all licences.

Extracted from UK government website.

Any new coxswains or members who wish to tow the boat needs to be observed and assessed by a competent person, E.g. Experienced coxswain or someone with trailer towing experience.

Once the competent person assessing the full operation has deemed the towing, launching and recovery of the boat to be satisfactory only then will new members be allowed to tow the boat unsupervised.

Insurance Policy Conditions

Laid-Up: It is a condition of this insurance that the insured Vessel or Craft is kept ashore when not in use

Condition Applying – Dive Boat Use: it is noted and agreed that the insured Vessel will be used as a dive boat.

In such circumstances the following conditions apply:

Anyone with a boat handling or Coxswain certificate will be deemed to have enough experience to take the boat out.

Going forward from today's meeting all previously certified members will be deemed to have the five years' experience required.

In Concluding

- 1. The boat is only to be used for Clydebank sub-aqua club diving activities or training of members.**
- 2. As previously agreed the boat will be used inline with the UK boating season This is currently Mid-March to late October.**
- 3. The coxswain is in sole charge on the day of the expedition. He/She will deem if the boat handler on board has enough experience to take charge of the boat while the coxswain is diving.**
- 4. When the boat is in use and under way on the water all persons on board shall be in a fully zipped up drysuit or wearing a life jacket.**
- 5. When recovering divers from the water the persons onboard will be in a fully zipped up drysuit or life jacket**
- 6. There should be a minimum of one qualified coxswain and one qualified boat handler on the boat, the coxswain and the boat handler cannot dive together as this would leave the boat without adequate cover. If there is only one coxswain and no boat handlers on board for the expedition the coxswain cannot dive as the boat will not have qualified operator cover during their dives.**
- 7. The boat is never to be left unattended during diving expeditions. e.g. At anchor. There should always be a coxswain or boat handler on board the boat.**
- 8. Based on weight/capacity of the boat design the maximum limits allowed are**
 - a. 6 divers to be on the boat or**
 - b. 5 divers and a dedicated coxswain**
- 9. Should an expedition be planned that the cylinders for the second dive are to be carried as well as divers, this limits the number of divers to a maximum of five divers and a dedicated coxswain**