

Safety Boat Subcommittee

Interim report to NSSC board 11th September 2018.

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Following the incident of 8th August 2018, this subcommittee was set up to learn from the incident and consider next steps for safety boat helm and crews. The scope of the subcommittee is:

Stage 1

To put forward to the board recommendations to endeavor to get competent skippers & crew in adequate numbers to meet next seasons sea safety boat handling and rescue needs.

Stage 2

Deliver the approved recommendations without a financial loss to the club.

At the first meeting on 29th August 2018, issues identified were:

- We calculate that we need 75 boat duties over 54 events on the sea
- PB2 training is currently inadequate in terms of skippering sea safety boats safely.
- NSSC need a core group of people that can commit in advance for the season or part, to operate safety boats and trainers/instructors to train them.
- We have 13 PB instructors in the club on file although many of those aren't undertaking that any more
- The RO role is crucial in delivering safety boats but is not in the remit of this subcommittee.
- Need to look at the legality/culpability of mistakes made by qualified PB2 helms undertaking rescue duties

In order to address these issues we will

- Need to identify and train new trainers/instructors
- Devise a training package for safety skippers/helm and crew
- Devise a Skippers Handbook (used as a base/sylabas for training)
- Devise an assessment to measure the effectiveness of the training
- Ensure a succession plan

Considerations

- Identify skills within the club outside of the sub group skills
- Possibly look outside of the club for trainer as we have insufficient within the club

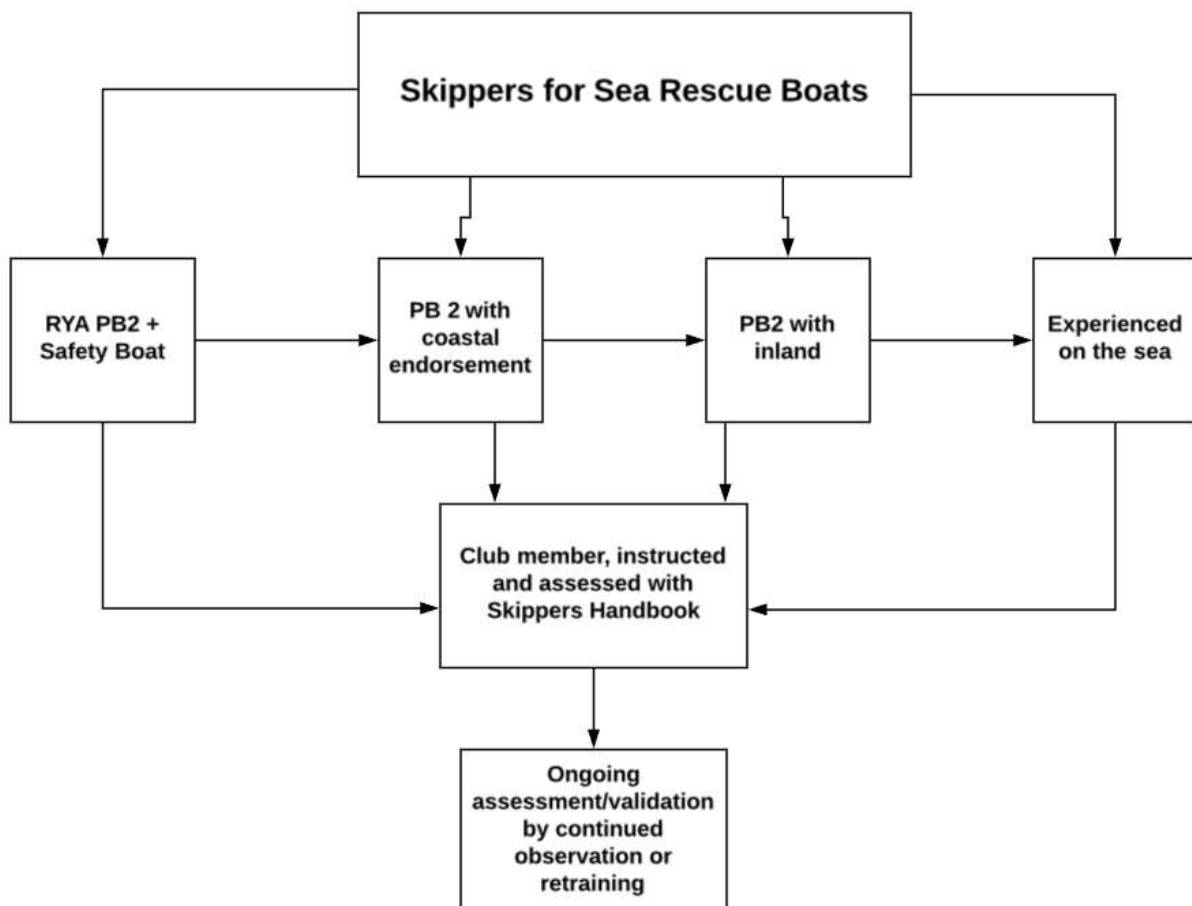
Risks

- Lack of continuity
- Our safety boat delivery is not currently fit for purpose
- Small pool from which to draw duties required
- If we don't undertake the subcommittee recommendations, then there may be a worse incident in future

Positives

- Motivating through excellent training
- Involving older cadets earlier on (experienced sailors with knowledge of the sea)
- Structured involvement in the club
- Skilling up those already undertaking duties and retaining them through training, opportunities and motivation

Flowchart for Skippers for NSSC



Considerations for the Board

- To identify and train a core group that undertake all the safety boat duties for a certain time
- Look at best practice or delivery within other clubs
- The R.O role crucial to safety boat team delivery and needs revising
- How do we/do we need to ratify our own training against the Skippers Handbook with the RYA and our insurance company in terms of safety boats?
- Does it need revalidation?
- How do we charge for the Skippers handbook training?
- We don't have an up to date accurate log of how many people are undertaking the instructing on PB. How do we do that?
- Need to look at the legality/culpability of mistakes made by qualified PB2 helms undertaking rescue duties following the Skippers handbook.

Summary

The subcommittee have outlined a broad plan as directed by the board of NSSC. The subcommittee is happy to send a representative to each board meeting to update on the plan if required.

The safety boat subcommittee request board approval to continue with the plan i.e.:

That the subcommittee produce a Skippers Handbook

That we look to skill up a core group to deliver safety on the sea

That we need to train trainers/instructors to deliver the requirements of the Skippers Handbook

The NSSC Skippers Flow chart