Northampton Sailing Club RIB policy 2013

At selected open events and training sessions, where outside bodies or fleets are involved, the club will agree with the visiting fleet regarding the provision of support and rescue craft in addition to those provided by the club. It is unlikely that visiting boats will be permitted unless it is a training event, an event with a high proportion of junior sailors, or extreme weather is anticipated.

In order that there is clarity for all parties as to how this is to operate in a safe and controlled manner, the following rules will be strictly adhered to at all times.

1. Only boats that have been specifically asked to assist with an event will be permitted to launch and then not until asked to do so by the club race team.
2. All boat owners / drivers will complete the declaration below, prior to launching, confirming that:
    a. They hold appropriate insurance which includes a minimum cover of £3,000,000 for third party liability
    b. The boat will only be driven by the person(s) named on the declaration
    c. All drivers must hold the minimum qualification of a valid RYA Powerboat Level Two Certificate.
    d. Any driver involved in rescue work should hold a valid RYA Safety Boat Certificate
    e. They will comply with all aspects of this policy document.
3. All boats fall under the overall control of the Principal Race Officer, the club coxswains and the employees of Northampton Watersports centre (“the club race team”), and will at all times follow their requests without delay.
4. All support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Any contact, other than for the purposes of rescues may be construed as undue outside assistance.
5. Boats will proceed at no more than the speed necessary for the task in hand. The sole arbiter of the speed necessary will be the club race team.
6. Boats should keep well clear of fishermen both on the shore and afloat. If a fishing boat is on or near the race course area, only club support boats will be involved in asking them to move.
7. No fishing is permitted
8. If a boat is asked to leave the water for whatever reason they will do so immediately without question.

I confirm that I hold :

Appropriate insurance which includes a minimum cover of £3,000,000 for third party liability

Valid RYA Level 2 Powerboat Certificate Yes / No

Valid RYA Safety Boat Certificate Yes / No

I confirm that I will comply with all the above requirements. Signed_____

Name_____ (Please print clearly)

Date___/___/___ Event _____