

Hi All

**Welcome** to the 2013 Sailing Season. I have been asked to remind you to please give consideration to all users of Salcombe Estuary, especially non racing boats as there are many pleasure and commercial craft afloat who do not understand the racing rules.

Please note the amended Rule 17.2 in our SYC Sailing Instructions 2013 (attached)

17.2 If you are in a Collision with a non competing boat whether it be underway or moored you must report the incident to the Harbour Office and fill out the appropriate Form. **If you hit a moored boat you must complete a 360 degree penalty turn.** If you are seen to have a collision that is not reported with such a boat you will be disqualified from the Race at the Race Officers discretion.

If you are in an incident as described above you will be required to fill out a Salcombe Harbour Accident Report form and return it to the Harbour Office yourself.

. Below is a reminder of our summary Guidance for Safety Boat drivers.

- At all times **ALWAYS** wear a kill cord
- Always wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket
- Stop the engine when recovering persons out of the water
- Prevent injury from Prop-strike
- Please report to the office any faults you may discover with the boats promptly.

There also follows a link to an RYA article Avoiding Prop-Strikes which we recommend

[http://www.rya.org.uk/newsevents/enewsletters/inbrief/Pages/Avoidingpropstrikes.aspx?utm\\_source=InBrief&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=mar13-inbrief](http://www.rya.org.uk/newsevents/enewsletters/inbrief/Pages/Avoidingpropstrikes.aspx?utm_source=InBrief&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=mar13-inbrief)

For an improvement in our safety procedures please could we all encourage each other to use a kill cord each and every time we use the SYC Safety Boats.

And finally please consider that deciding whether it is safe for you to start or continue to race is for you alone, not for the people running the race.

Wishing you all a good , competitive and safe sailing season.

If you would like to come to the commissioning supper tomorrow night please contact Jools 01548 842872 or [jools@salcombeyc.org.uk](mailto:jools@salcombeyc.org.uk)

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