



TBYC Slipway Protocol

With the fantastic turnouts this year, especially with seeing many new cadet sailors joining the main racing, we have become a victim of our own success. Namely, congestion on the slipway.

We don't want anyone to feel that they are compromised in trying to launch but at the same time it must be understood that it is free to use by any member of TBYC.

If members could follow these guidelines then I'm sure it will make it easier for all.

Rib Launching

Rib Launchers assigned to launch the club ribs for racing: Please launch the rib (it's usually only 1) well before the sailors want to launch. It will be needed to ferry out SS2/3, Race Officers and Sandhopper crews at least an hour before the start.

Cadet ribs and RB2 Course Ribs. Please launch these either earlier on, not impeding the race cover launch or after all sailors have left the slipway. Please do not try and launch ribs once dinghies appear on the slip. Moor these ribs / Polly on the windward side of the slipway to allow smooth access to launch dinghies.

Please also note Club Byelaw 3.1 – *“Motorised craft, such as Ski Boats, RIBs, Jet Skis and other PWCs owned by Club members, will only be permitted to use the Club slipway, when in possession of the written permission of the General Committee and their use is solely for the support of a Club activity”*

Yachtsmen

If you're needing a lift out to your yacht, please do ask the support boats for a lift. However, please note that priority will be given to getting crews to the support boats and those competing. Please ensure that any luggage on the slipway is not in the way whilst dinghies are trying to launch.

Dinghy Sailors

Please make sure your sails are up before you cross the road unless the type of boat you have or the conditions are such that this may be dangerous. Rigging on the slipway is a severe hold up for other users.

Everyone has the right to use the slipway but if you can launch from the beach please do so. It may be easier for you.

Please assist when you can with the recovery of each other's trolleys and have yours clearly marked with your name and sail number, this will help sailors get away quickly. Especially single handers.

Please do not stack trolleys on the slipway but stack them up against the concrete sea wall.