



Guidance for RIB trips

The following guidelines must be observed on all club trips using the RIBs

Before the trip

Notify the Diving Officer

All intended trips should be notified to the Diving Officer in good time.

During the trip

Two qualified coxes

To adhere to our Insurance requirements, at least 2 qualified coxes must be on each boat and at least one on the boat while divers are in the water. Qualified coxes are those who hold either an RYA Level 2 or a BSAC Boat Handling qualification, or have “grandfather rights”. Those with grandfather rights must hold a current annual First Aid certificate. To qualify for grandfather rights a cox must be able to show at least 50 hours of coxing boats. All coxes need to have attended the GPS training day.

Use GPS and shot lines to mark all dive entry points

A waypoint point **must** be added on the GPS and a shot line should be deployed at the entry point of each dive as a reference for where any possible subsequent search needs to start. This applies to **all** dives, including drift dives.

Use DSMBs when drifting

DSMBs should be deployed by all buddy pairs as soon as they start drifting.

Record diver entry times

A Dive Management Slate is kept in the front locker of each boat and should be used to record when each buddy pair went in.

Insurance certificates

Insurance certificates for each boat are laminated and stored in the lid of the boat box behind the padding.

After the trip

**Boats must be stored
securely**

Boats should be returned either to Lyme Regis or to an alternative secure site agreed **in advance** with the DO.

Fuel tanks to be filled

Fuel tanks and reserve tanks must be left full after each trip.

Report to the DO promptly

A report should be phoned or texted to the DO at the end of the trip.

Any problems or incidents and any damage to either the boats or trailers **must** be notified to the DO immediately.

Dive logs should be fully completed at the time and handed in to the DO promptly.

Further information

**More information is available
on the club's website**

For further information and help, please refer to *Organising Diving at Coastal Sites*, which is a very comprehensive guide to all aspects of organising a trip. It can be found at <http://www.stratforddivers.co.uk/resources/>