

		OPERATION PROCEDURES
11	RBC Ref No. 57.5.2	BOAT HANDLING

- The helm is in command of the rescue boat at all times and has responsibility for the safety of all on board and for the boat.
- The requirements of the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREGs) are to be met.
- Consideration is always to be given to other water users.
- Handling and maneuvering of the rescue boat should be modified to suit the sea conditions, visibility and local traffic conditions.
- All crew are trained to at least powerboat level 2.
- Appropriate training is given to all the crew to enable them to cope with the anticipated operating conditions, manoeuvres, emergencies and rescue scenarios, and should be aware and able to communicate to/or with the helm in any of the following example situations;
 - Tight turns
 - Propeller cavitation, aeration and ventilation
 - Loss of power and/or steering
 - Broaching
 - Collision
 - Capsize
 - Swamping
 - Man Overboard
 - Fire
 - Equipment failure
 - Worsening conditions
 - Grounding
 - Change of crew roles when underway
 - Procedures to maintain the watertight and structural integrity of the boat (particularly when needed for righting the boat following capsize)
- Crew, particularly trainee helms, should request additional training for any of these situations if they feel they require it.