

		OPERATION PROCEDURES
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BOATHOUSE

- All crew and shore crew should be trained in procedures for the event of a fire in accordance with our Health & Safety Policy. Crew and shore crew are to be trained to follow the fire drill, deal with the public, and use fire-fighting equipment.
- All crew and shore crew are responsible for themselves, crewmates and visitors to the boathouse. They should assist by drawing attention of any risk of fire and help carry out risk assessments for fire safety in accordance with our Health & Safety Policy

AT SEA

- No smoking!
- Crew should know the location, and are to be trained in the use of the fire extinguishes aboard the lifeboat.
- In the event of a fire aboard a casualty vessel
Remember:
 - We were probably called because those on board could not bring the fire under control.
 - The extent of the fire may be worse by the time we arrive on scene.
 - There may be flammables and pyrotechnics on board.
 - Those onboard may have evacuated the vessel.
- Our priority is to get those in distress to safety. Check how many persons were onboard and make sure they are all accounted.
- Lifeboat crew should not attempt to fight fire on another vessel. Adequate training has not been provided, and the risk of explosion, capsizing etc is too great.