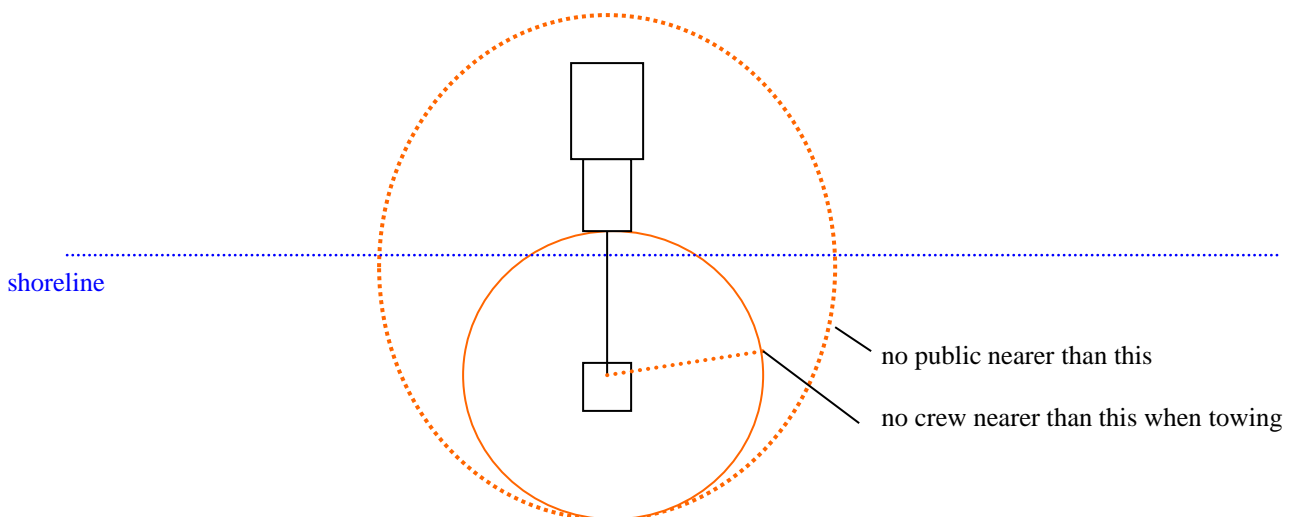
		OPERATIONS
46A		Recovery Contingency plan - use of winch tractor

Use of Winch Tractor

- The Helm, LA and Tractor driver should together decide if the winch tractor should be deployed to the launch site if the weather and/or sea conditions require urgent back-up in the event of breakdown of the launch vehicle during either the launch or recovery procedure.
- The availability of a suitable tractor driver must be established.
- The winch tractor can only be operated by a tractor driver with a valid sign-off.
- In the event of a breakdown of the launch vehicle the most senior tractor driver will coordinate the recovery operation.
- As many shore crew as possible should be deployed to manage members of the public.
- Refer also to SOP 46B – Winch Tractor Operation
- As a guide the public should be kept away the distance of the ‘tow’.



- With agreement of the senior or second coxswain and senior tractor driver, the winch tractor can be used for the recovery of other vessels or vehicles providing all safety considerations are respected.