



Policy for Towing / Usage of the Class Rib

The TCA Rib (The Rib) is loaned to the Techno Class by the RYA on behalf of the Eric Twiname Trust. We have a clear, contractual responsibility to abide by the terms of our loan and also a duty of care for The Rib.

To help the Class in utilising this amazing asset, help is required from Parents to ensure the RIB is available at events and is manned by volunteers.

You may sign the declaration for Towing the RIB, or Using the RIB, or both. By signing the declaration you agree to abide by the Policy.

Signing the declaration gives users permission for that calendar year to Tow / Use the RIB (depending on which sections are signed).

Any amendments to the policy will be communicated if required to registered users. If substantial, they may require a further signature for continued use of the RIB.

The Rib may be used by Class Members by prior arrangement with the Class Custodian (currently Steve Eldred) so long as the following principles are observed:

Towing:

1. Towing the RIB shall only be undertaken by someone with Third Party liability insurance for towing behind their vehicle.
2. All other legalities for towing lie with the user - ensuring, for example, the correct number plate is displayed, lights are operational, trailer / towing vehicle weights and speed limits are adhered to.
3. If there are any issues with the Trailer setup - mechanics, lights, etc, please report these immediately to the Custodian. Do not embark upon a journey with known defects that affect the safe carriage of The RIB and other road users.
4. You should expect to collect and deliver The Rib to a convenient location, agreed with the Class Custodian.

5. If left unattended on the trailer, including at a sailing club, it is a condition of our insurance that the wheel lock is in place at all times. Failure to abide by this, resulting in a loss of The RIB will result in a claim against the borrower for the replacement cost.
6. The Rib should be refilled with the correct (Unleaded) fuel at the end of each use, ready for the next usage. Please make every effort to ensure this is done - if this is not possible, please report this to the Class Custodian, so it is known prior to next use.

On water usage:

1. The Rib shall primarily be used by Parents of Members of the UK Techno Class Association, with the formal prior permission of the Class Custodian. Exceptions to this need to be additionally ratified by the Class Custodian.
2. The calendar for the RIB is on the Class website and can be viewed [here](#).
3. The RIB shall only be driven by persons over the age of 16 who hold a minimum of RYA Powerboat Level 2.
4. A kill cord must be worn at **all** times when the engine is running. When changing helm, switch the engine off. Put the killcord on **before starting** and **after stopping** the engine.
5. The safety of the windsurfers is paramount, so ensure you read the introduction and Chapter 1 of the RYA document, "[RYA Coaching from a powerboat](#)" for basic safety protocol. Remember at all times that the RIB is there for support / safety of the windsurfers, and should itself never add further risk to a situation.
6. Safety of the children taking part in supported events comes before the equipment. If necessary, leave the equipment behind and recover it later. When recovering it, remember the equipment represents a large outlay for parents, so please treat all equipment as if it were your own.
7. Ensure that appropriate clothing is worn while using the RIB - buoyancy aids or properly serviced inflatable life jackets should be worn. In the winter / bad weather, ensure that good wet weather gear is used to keep you warm. Be prepared for the weather to change.
8. Please report any defects or problems with the RIB to the Class Custodian.

FUNDAMENTALS



- ✓ KILL CORD FITTED TO SELF AT ALL TIMES
- ✓ ONE HAND STEER - ONE HAND GEAR
- ✓ STEER BEFORE GEAR
- ✓ PLAN – APPROACH – MANOEUVRE – ESCAPE
- ✓ ENGINE OFF WHEN CHANGING HELMS
- ✓ BE AWARE OF YOUR WASH AT ALL TIMES
- ✓ CONSIDER OTHER WATER USERS

