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Powerboating

INTRODUCTION

Thurston is an RYA recognised centre. Powerboats can be used as part of the safety cover for other activities, or as part of a specific powerboat training course.

VENUE

Usual venue is Coniston Water.

STAFFING

- Ratio: For powerboating courses the relevant RYA Student : Instructor ratios will be followed i.e. Level 2 - 3:1, Safety Boat - 6:1 (2 boats).
- Staff should be trained and experienced to the level of the appropriate RYA qualification or have in-house approval.

EQUIPMENT

- Suitable clothing and footwear for the conditions and course requirements.
- Wet suits are available.
- Buoyancy aids must be worn by staff and participants when afloat, on the jetty or in the water.
- Instructor should have a means of communication e.g. mobile phone, VHF radio.

OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

- The kill cord must be worn at all times.
- The lake speed limit of 10mph must be observed except in rescue situations or if a "lake speed pass" has been granted by LDNPA.
- The activities of other lake users should be considered e.g. boats, ferries, swimmers.
- Wind and water conditions should be checked before the session and monitored throughout.
- Extreme caution should be taken when swimmers are in the water, with the engine turned off when in close proximity.
- The boat must not be over loaded, with the number of passengers and load not exceeding the rated capacity of the boat (plate on stern or console).
- Fuel containers removed from boat for refuelling.
- Launching and recovery.
The tractor may only be driven by trained staff.
The trailer winch must be used with care to keep clear of the handle during launching and to ensure the ratchet is fully engaged during recovery.