

## **SAFETY LAUNCHES - 2017**

### **Tin Fish / Cat / Thin Thing / Pangbourne / Orange / Other**

**Note:** Due to the style of our launches, it is not safe to try to rescue competitors from the water by attempting to lift them into / onto our launches as they are unstable and may turn turtle if unbalanced.

#### **Procedure:**

Two Crew members must be present.

The Driver, RYA2 Qualified is in charge of managing the Incident.

The Crew Member must follow the instructions of the Driver.

Launches must proceed at slow speed at all time except when dealing with an emergency – remember other crews if washed down may end up as casualties so take care.

Down the sides of the launches are ropes which should be draped over the sides and used as hand holds for any Rower / Sculler to grasp when in the water.

When rescuing a competitor talk to them at all times telling them what you are doing.

Once they have a grip of the launch slowly tow them in Reverse i.e. the engine is furthest away from the Rower / Sculler, so if they let go they do not end up in the path of the propeller / launch.

Help them get ashore and then they may climb into the launch.

If the competitor is not conscious support them using the Lifeguard tube provided which will keep them above the surface of the water. If possible move to the towpath side of the canal – as before in reverse.

Each Launch has a full British Rowing Safety Kit which can be used in an Emergency – the Launch Driver must inform the Safety Adviser if anything is used in the kit so it can be restocked as required.

#### **SAFETY KIT CONTENTS**

Lifeguard Tube

Throwing Line

First Aid Kit

Space Blanket / Extra Cloths