

## Governance

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## O-5 Power Boat Use Policy

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Appendix(-ces) to this Policy	

This Power Boat Usage Policy (the “Policy”) provides guidelines and direction to AST members, staff and instructors on power boat use. Members are expected to report any behavior that does not adhere to this Policy to the AST Board of Directors. Disregarding this Policy may result in suspension or termination of your AST membership. Only AST members in good standing or current AST staff or AST instructors may use the AST safety boat, unless prior approval is given by the Board of Directors.

### Purpose of use

- Safety monitoring.
- Coaching for AST programmed classes.
- Race committee or safety boat for AST hosted races, or as AST approved supplemental safety boat for other racing events.
- Rescue of a person or vessel in the water that is in distress and requires assistance.
- Other safety and/or training related group activities.

### All use of the powerboats is subject to the following conditions

- Operator of powerboat must have Pleasure Craft Operator’s Card (PCOC) and Powered Vessel Operator’s Permit (PVOP aka Harbour Licence).
- Operator of powerboat must follow Transport Canada guidelines regarding safety equipment required on the vessel and will be responsible for any passengers.
- Everyone on board must wear a legal Personal Flotation Device (i.e. PFD or life jacket).



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- Operator of powerboat must operate the boat in a seamanlike manner, without recklessness and without being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or drugs which may affect judgment or abilities.
- Smoking and/or filling of gas tanks on board are prohibited.
- Anyone on board using the VHF radio to transmit must hold a ROC (M) permit, except in case of emergencies. No license is required to monitor stations.

Operator of powerboat has learned the proper techniques for operating and launching the boat from an experienced and designated AST member.