

## Instructor Training 1b

### Return Patrol Boat to Shore

Because Narrow Neck has on shore waves in varying sizes at least 50% of the time. It is important to practice the safest way to bring the PB back to shore.



Well before final approach to shore, put the motor into neutral.

1. Lift the motor to the first shallow water position.
2. Take the kill cord off the ankle and hold loop in right hand, ready for quick exit.
3. Have the crew sitting at the bow, holding on too the end of the PB painter, ready to jump into the water.
4. Whilst the motor is in neutral decide which way you will turn, left or right, just before the beach to finish bow to waves/wind quickest. If the waves/wind are running straight onto the beach then both ways will work, if they are running at an angle, then turn into the side they are **coming from**.



Here we are going to the left, crew sits on port bow.

Ready to go, head straight to beach. Picking the moment to turn takes a bit of practice, too deep and your crew is swimming, too shallow and motor can hit sand in the troughs.

If there are already instructors in the water catching optis or waiting for you, you will have a better idea of how deep it is. About waist deep is good.



Start U turn left, when halfway through turn, crew jumps out holding the painter, feet on the ground. Crew pulls on the painter to bring the PB bow to waves



At the same time the skipper pulls the kill cord off to stop the motor and drops it into the PB. Then the engine is lifted, and the skipper jumps out the other side to the crew and helps push bow into the waves.



Patrol boat should now be bow to waves/wind, crew and skipper holding both sides of the PB, and with shore help, bring PB backwards right out of the water.

Once ashore PB can be turned around and put on a trailer, to be taken away and washed.

Narrow Neck also gets some very calm days when the water is quite flat\*, in this case the above procedure is not necessary, apart from lifting the motor into shallow water position before it gets to shallow.

Stop in shallow water, lift motor all the way up and walk PB to the beach.

It is always safer to put the PB on its trailer on the beach, out of the water. The trailer floats, so in the water with people pulling the PB and the trailer bobbing up and down, someone could get injured with the trailer handle, which for some people can be face height.

\*On the shoreline beside a shipping channel there is no such thing as 'quite flat' for long, container ships and ferries, even private launches can produce unexpected wakes, which arrive on shore well after the vessel has disappeared. You need to be always looking out for them.