

Checklist for Operating Patrol Boats Beyond the Bay (Narrow Neck)

Beyond the Bay = Past the triangle stick, Cheltenham Beach, Takapuna Beach, Rough Rock or Rangitoto

1. Do you have schools permission
2. Carefully assess the weather, no waves/wind/tide
3. Waterwise ratios must be covered
4. Take some form of communication aboard each patrol boat, this could be a phone in a plastic bag or a VHF radio. This can be used for communication between the boats or the shore. Know the number for coastguard *500 .
5. If crossing the channel make a coastguard Trip Report.
6. Tell someone on the shore what your intentions are and your estimated return time.
7. Check you have enough petrol, do your Blacckpbob check.
8. Consider the possibility that one of the boats could breakdown and have a plan of how to deal with the situation before you leave. Remember your anchor is not long enough to hold you in position beyond the 200mtr mark.
9. No more than 4 children and 2 adults per boat. This allows room for children/adults to be transferred should a boat break down. Check weight load, Waterwise boats 415kg, Wakatere 630kg.
10. Take any medication with you eg, inhaler or epipen.
11. Leave keys for locker/training room in the underground tap box at the front of the Boat club, and make sure everyone knows they are there. If someone has to dash back to get another patrol boat time will not be wasted tracking down the keys.
12. Know your limits and that of your instructors.