

Refuelling Notice to all Safety Boat Drivers.

The safety boat protocols clearly state that members undertaking safety boat duties shall, a week prior to their commitment check there is sufficient fuel for the boats. Refuelling is no longer the responsibility of the Sailing Secretary but of the safety boat drivers.

Due to a change in legislation concerning the carriage of petroleum spirit by road and the training, safety equipment and insurance now required, we are unable to complying with the new legislation. It is now unlawful to fill the large red/orange petrol tanks by use of a road vehicle at a petrol filling station.

Due to the amendments in the component in modern fuel (in particular the additional of ethanol) the fuel no longer lasts as long as it used to do. The best fuel to purchase is currently from the Esso in Dibden Purlieu, which has the lowest level of ethanol.

Therefore it is recommended that safety boat drivers use the 5 litre green petrol containers to bring fresh fuel down before every use. Three containers are available, and can usually be found in the fuel store.

The only tanks to fill are the demountable fuel tanks used on the boats which are stored in the boats. Payment may be made by the driver's credit or debit card and the amount claimed back from the Club Treasurer or from the bar. VAT receipts must be obtained, and an expenses claim form must be completed (available behind the bar).

Blue ½ barrels are now available for the flushing of engines. Again due to the deterioration in modern fuel, it is recommended that the fuel lead is disconnected from the engine when flushing with fresh water after use and the engine is left to run until the fuel in the engine has been consumed.

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