

APPENDIX I - GUIDANCE FOR THOSE ON SLIPWAY DUTY

The aim is to get all the boats launched as safely and efficiently as possible, the trolleys are stored on their sides so they are not blocking the slipway and will be correctly placed for the tides.

Warning: you will get wet at least up to your thighs and in rough weather completely soaked!

There are several pairs of waders of differing sizes for your use in the store next to the Guernsey Sailing Trust. In rough weather you will need a waterproof top.

You will be wearing a buoyancy aid or manual inflated life-jacket.

You will have a VHF radio on Channel P4 (see appendix L on the use of VHF radios) so that the safety boats and SI can converse with you.

The safety team will inform you of dinghies coming in early or when the bulk of the dinghies are coming in.

You will need to have trolleys ready for the returning dinghies, and ensure they are brought onto the slipway safely and efficiently.

In rough conditions only one dinghy at a time should approach the slipway.

Inform the SI or lead instructor if the slipway you plan to recover boats from is looking too rough for retrieval and discuss other options such as :

- Returning to the other slipway (in which case you will probably have to take all the trolleys around to the other slipway!)

Helpers should be a receiving party for each dinghy:

- The mainsheet should be unclipped from the boom as soon as possible (Optimist only)
- Remove dagger board and lift or remove rudder / tiller
- Put dinghy on launching trolley and, with the sailor, help pull out of the water until it is clear
- Try to ensure that boats are launched and recovered facing into the wind

Once all the dinghies are ashore, assist with recovering safety boats and stowing away all gear.

When the slipway is clear, assist with de-rigging dinghies and returning all equipment to its correct place.

Notes and Warnings:

Havelet Slipway is now repaired and back in action, and will frequently be used to launch boats for junior activities.

Alternatively depending on conditions and planned sailing area, the SI or lead instructor may launch boats from the slipway in the harbour known as the **Lifeboat Slipway**.

Havelet Slipway may become rough with a southerly, south easterly or easterly wind and at high tide.

The Lifeboat Slip in the harbour may become rough particularly when there is a north easterly or easterly wind and at high tide.

- In rough weather, the water on the slipway can be rough with a large surge which can knock people off their feet or crush them between dinghies and the wall. Keep an eye on this and get young sailors out of the water as soon as possible.
- For higher performance boats the instructor should follow RYA training for landing when there is an onshore wind, such as dropping mainsails on double handed boats.
- Be aware that the slipway can be slippery and uneven, and care should be exercised.