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Pagham Yacht Club (PYC) Winch Policy **Information Sheet** **12th September 2020**

Important Notice: Boat Recovery Winches Can Be Dangerous It is the responsibility of all members wishing to use boat recovery winches to contact the Boatswain or other Committee member to arrange appropriate training. The conditions of use detailed below form part of the Club Rules.

Boat Recovery Winches – Conditions of Use:

1. Winch users must be over 16 years of age.
2. Only Club Members may use the boat recovery winches, and then only after having received appropriate training.
3. Persons using winches do so at their own risk without liability to Pagham Yacht Club or its members.
4. Any member unsure of how to operate winches correctly MUST seek advice from the Boatswain or another experienced member.
5. The following additional information should be clearly understood:
 - BEFORE using winches ensure you know how to operate them correctly, have received appropriate training, and know how to STOP them.
 - DO NOT use any winch rope that is knotted, frayed or worn.
 - When using winches be very careful to always watch the craft being winched, the rope and the entire surrounding area, and warn ALL persons nearby to KEEP CLEAR whilst winching is in progress.
 - DO NOT leave the winch running unattended.
 - DO NOT wear gloves and be careful of loose clothing.

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- On completion of winching and boat recovery, turn OFF the power switch and replace the rope.
- Secure AND LOCK THE COVER.

Additional updates for the Coronavirus pandemic

- **Maintain social distancing, consider one identified winch operator where possible to prevent multiple users.**
- **Ensure the controls are sanitised after use if you are handing over to another trained winch operator.**
- **Use the provided sanitiser sprays to cleanse the winch rope, and any part of the winch operating systems. Do not use the spray system on the electrical elements of the winch.**
- **If you require winch training contact the boatswain.**

Thank you all for your co-operation and assistance, to date the process has worked because of your compliance with the guidance. A great deal of the guidance is now law and you are personally responsible and can be fined, please ensure you support the club and observe social distancing.

It is essential you all stay safe and fully support those volunteers who are working around the club to make your visit enjoyable.

Regards

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