



National RIB Championship 2008

- **This is a Competition where ISA clubs and training centres will get the chance to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in the safe operation of a RIB in a competitive environment**
- **This competition is designed to encourage the level of knowledge and skills of safety boat crews as well as giving those safety boats crews a chance to represent their clubs or training centres.**
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- **This is a team event**

- 4 persons per team
- One team member under 16
- Maximum of one instructor per team
- No upper age limit

- **4 events per team**
- **On the water skills events**
- Solo event
- Team event
- **On the land events**
- One knowledge event
- One skills events

On the water skills events

- 1) **Solo Event:** Any person in the team over the age of 16 can be chosen for this event, Event officials will hold a draw to select this person on the morning of the event.
- 2) **Team event:** The 3 remaining team members will be the team selected for the on the water team challenge. Event officials will hold a draw to select the team coxswain (over 16) on the morning of the event.

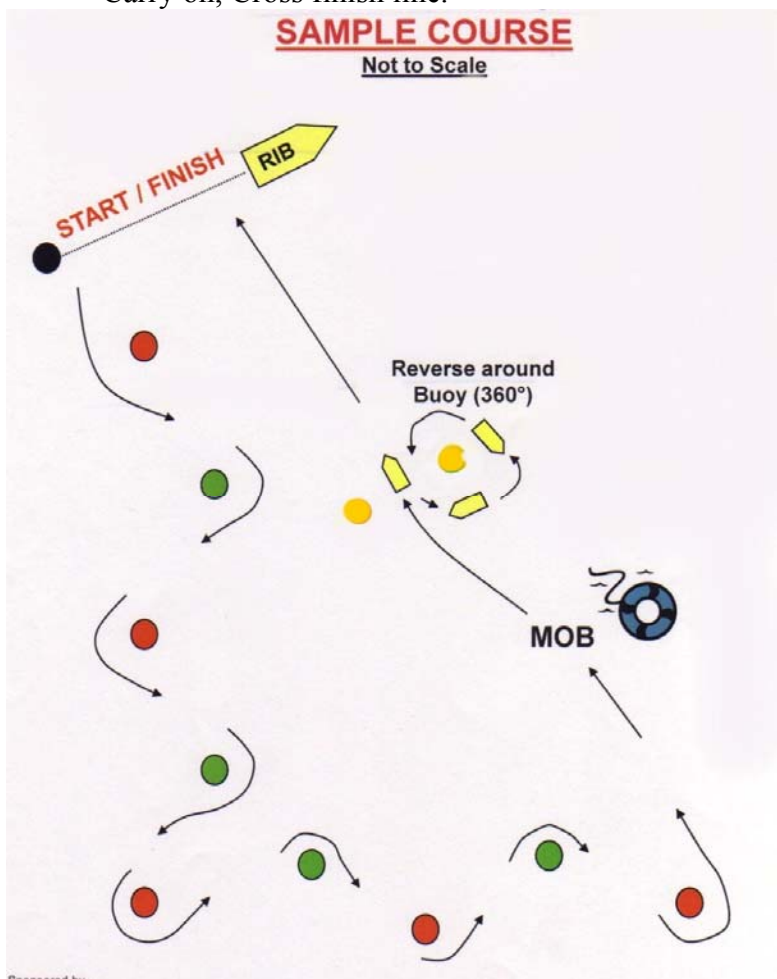


- **Solo Event Guidelines:**

- These guidelines are intended as assistance rather than hard and fast rules as each club uses different types of water and may have to adapt to suit.

The Competition:

- The competition takes the form of a time trial around a set of marks and the fastest time wins. The sample course is shown in a schematic drawing.
- The buoys are set between 2 and 4 boat lengths apart so that skill and control, and not necessarily speed, are the most important factors. Each competitor should have two runs, one as a practice run and one as a 'hot lap'. Both runs should be timed and the fastest time put forward.
- Cross start line
- Leave Red Marks to Port
- Leave Green Marks to Starboard
- MOB, Lift Ring off mooring buoy, lift over your head, place ring back over buoy
- Pass through yellow marks & STOP, go astern around starboard yellow mark until boat passed through both yellow marks, Stop
- Carry on, Cross finish line.



Penalties

Touching a buoy – 5 seconds

Missing a buoy – 5 seconds

Failing to complete the Stop Exercise – 5 seconds

Flooding in reverse – 5 seconds

Instructor/competent adult discretion – 10 seconds + (i.e.: crashing through gear changes, missing MOB or any other misdemeanors the Instructor/competent adult deems necessary.)

Personnel : (as a minimum)

1. Shore-side person to brief each competitor and answer queries.
2. Start/Finish Judge
3. Timekeeper
4. Instructor/Competent adult for each boat
5. Marshals/Instructors to ensure running order is adhered to.
6. Safety boat with competent personnel if only one boat is being used for competition.

Each should have sufficient equipment for their role e.g. white/black board, stopwatch, and safety equipment. If you have any further queries please contact the ISA

The Boats:

Boats for club heats should be Rib's or Dory's or any other vessel capable of planing.

Safety:

Safety is paramount. A competent Instructor/official should be in the boat at all times attached to the safety lanyard. If at any point during a run the Instructor considers that the competitor is driving in a dangerous or unsafe manner the run should be aborted immediately either by asking the competitor to throttle back or by operating the safety lanyard. All competitors and the accompanying Instructor/official should wear lifejackets or buoyancy aids at all times when on the water. Where possible an additional safety boat should be made available.

Team Boat Event

(The task given will be based on Safety boat tasks e.g. lee shore rescue etc.)

- This event is to assess the competency level and overall teamwork.
- This event will be a timed event. (one run no practice)
- A competent Instructor/official should be in the boat at all times. He will judge & penalise any breaches in the following areas:
- Safety – 10 sec
- (If at any point during a run the judge considers that the competitor is driving in a dangerous or unsafe manner the run should be aborted immediately,)
- Coxswain communication – 5 sec
- Crew communications -5 sec
- Undue speed or lack of it – 5 Sec
- Wrong approach – 5 Sec
- Obvious lack of knowledge on assigned task -10 Sec (each Breach)
- Instructor/competent adult discretion – 10 seconds + (i.e.: crashing through gear changes, missing MOB or any other misdemeanors the Instructor/competent adult deems necessary.)

Land Based Competitions

- **Knowledge Quiz**
- 5 Sections with 5 questions in Each
- Buoyage, Tides, Legislation, Safety, Nautical Terms, (each wrong answer 5 sec penalty)

- **Knots and Rope work**
- 5 Knots, (failure to achieve knot 5 sec penalty)
- Throw bag competition, Life Ring Competition
- (winner 0 sec, 2nd 5 sec, 3rd 10 sec, 4th 15 sec etc)

- **Club Heats**
(Club heats should be completed by 30th August)

Clubs should run their own heats and put forward the winners of each class to the Regional final.

- **Regional Finals**
- (To be held from 1st September)
At the regional finals the ISA, where possible, will provide:
 1. A fully equipped Rib.
 2. Buoys and ground tackle for the course
 3. Stopwatches and shore equipment
 4. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class
 5. At least one person to help and advise
- The Prizes
- The Overall winner at the National final will win for their club/Organisation the “Yachtsman euromarine” 4.9 Metre Rib with a Yamaha 50hp outboard on an roller coaster Trailer,
- Individual prizes for the team members

For more information or to submit your entries Please contact
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