

The OOD (Officer of the Day) will be in charge of everyone on duty and will be able to answer any queries. He or she will be assisted by the safety boat driver who will direct the safety boat assistant.

Before the day you should check on DutyMan and confirm that you will attend. It can be a good idea to contact the OOD if you have any questions, or if you are unable to go in the safety boat for any reason.

Assistant OODs perform two types of duty:

- 1) **Recording results.** This is normally done in the race hut but can be done in the dory. It is advisable to bring a pen, binoculars and a buoyancy aid if you have them. The objective is to record the number of laps that each boat sails and their position in the race. If it is a handicap race then you also need to record the finishing time of each boat in that race. If there are a large number of boats in a race then it is better to rewrite the order of the boats as they finish the first lap. It is then easier to find them when they complete the second lap.
You may also be asked to raise and lower the flags as the horn is sounded. Ear defenders are provided.
Keep a constant lookout to see if anyone is in trouble on the water and if they are then contact the safety boat.
- 2) **Safety boat assistant.** One assistant needs to go in the safety boat with the driver to help crews that have capsized. A buoyancy aid and suitable clothing are required. The priority is to help the sailors; the boat can always be collected later. It is possible, but unlikely, that the assistant will have to go into the water to assist a sailor in trouble. You therefore need to be suitably dressed to go in the water.

Normally you should be at the Race hut by 10.30am to meet the OOD.