

Irish Water Safety CRBI IRB Training Requirements 2011

In order to help with the planning process for 2011 training courses for Community Rescue Boat Stations, I would like to get an idea of numbers of crew requiring training from each station in 2011.

It is advisable that any candidates put forward for training should have received training on the water at their local station and be able to handle the boat underway and be familiar with all rescue boat operations.

This will allow the course to concentrate on Search & Rescue skills during the course and not boat handling work.

Station members attending should be competent boat handlers.

The Rescue Commission has decided that the course prerequisites for 2011 will be for candidates to hold The National Powerboat Certificate (known in the past as the Level 2); they should also hold a Marine VHF Certificate and hold a CFR Cardiac First Responder Certificate, or in date basic first aid.

Should you have crew that have not yet obtained these qualifications but are working towards those qualifications, please list these crews as part of your stations training requirement.

It is hoped to be able to run both B-Class (rib) and D-Class courses in 2011 so please list if it is B or D Class training your station requires or both.

Please reply by email indicating your stations requirement using the list below

Number of candidates for basic D- class course
Number of candidates for Helm D- class course
Number of candidates for basic B-class course
Number of candidates for Helm B-class course

If you replied to this request at the end of 2010, could you please restate your training requirements.

Course locations

Would you like to suggest a location to run a course, if so I have listed below the general requirements and if you contact me we can discuss it further.

- A secure location to park the training boats up to 2 weeks before the course
- A secure location to lock away equipment from the boats up to weeks before the course.
- The same as above will apply for the 2 weeks after the course.

- A secure place to moor or tie up the boats from Thursday / Friday till Sunday
- A secure parking area for the road trailers while the boats are in the water
- An indoor teaching area within 200 meters of the boat storage. Ideally this should be a room big enough to hold up to 20 people and should be useable while wet PPE (drysuits) is being worn. Its use will be for teaching, breaks and lunch.
- Tea / Coffee and lunch need to be available at the training room, the room must be secure while crews are at sea.
- Lunch needs to be hot and should be a meal not just soup and sambo's
- If possible hot showers should be available if the training room is not near the accommodation.
- The launching area should be unaffected by weather
- There needs to be more than 1 operations area that can be reached safely from the launch area. The course needs to run even if there are gales!!!!
- Hotel accommodation that can cater for up to 20 people with en suite rooms and be able to provide evening meals within budget

Cheers

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