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## Powerboating

### INTRODUCTION

Thurston is an RYA recognised centre. Powerboats can be used as part of the safety cover for other activities, or as part of a specific powerboat training course.

### VENUE

Usual venue is Coniston Water.

### STAFFING

- Ratio: For powerboating courses the relevant RYA Student : Instructor ratios will be followed i.e. Level 2 - 3:1, Safety Boat - 6:1 (2 boats).
- Staff should be trained and experienced to the level of the appropriate RYA qualification or have in-house approval.

### EQUIPMENT

- Suitable clothing and footwear for the conditions and course requirements.
- Wet suits are available.
- Buoyancy aids must be worn by staff and students when afloat, on the jetty or in the water.
- Instructor should have a means of communication e.g. mobile phone, available.

### OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

- The kill cord must be worn at all times.
- The lake speed limit of 10mph must be observed except in rescue situations or if a "lake speed pass" has been granted by LDNPA.
- The activities of other lake users should be considered e.g. boats, ferries, swimmers.
- Wind and water conditions should be checked before the session and monitored throughout.
- Extreme caution should be taken when swimmers are in the water, with the engine turned off when in close proximity.
- The boat must not be over loaded, with the number of passengers and load not exceeding the rated capacity of the boat (plate on stern or console).
- Fuel containers removed from boat for refuelling.