

**Thursday March 01st 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Topic:** Communicating Safety - safety on the water

**Venue:** Galway Ocean Sport Centre

**Participants:** All members of GCSC

**Time:** 60min - 90min

Instructor: Andreas Baumann

**Content:**

Safety is everybody's business. This information session will brief active club members how to stay safe during supervised club sailing and will include:

- Preparation for Sailing
- Equipment check
- Code of conduct - safety and operating instructions
- GCSC Safety Procedures
- Visitors and Third Party
- Incident reporting

**Thursday March 08th 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Topic:** Communicate Safety - Safety Boat Operator and Shore Officer

**Venue:** Galway Ocean Sport Centre

**Participants:** All licenced powerboat club members available for safety boat operation, assistant boat operators (second person on board no licence required) and volunteers for shore officer (parents, non active members - no previous training or knowledge required)

**Time:** 60min - 90min

**Instructor:** Ciaran Oliver

**Content:**

The primary duty of the safety boat operator is safety and rescue, he/she is being assisted by a second person on board and a shore officer. The briefing session will outline the standard safety procedures and emergency response. This includes:

- Role and duties of safety boat operator, crew and shore officer

- Standard procedure - assisting members when capsized
- Safety boat and equipment
- Emergency response
- VHF basic operation and emergency calls

**Thursday March 15th 2018**

**Topic:** Communicating Safety - club racing sessions

**Venue:** Galway Ocean Sports Centre

**Participants:** Members who participate in club racing and volunteers assisting racing officer

**Time:** 60min - 90min

**Instructor:** Eddie Florisson

**Content:**

Racing is a regular activity in GCSC and offers members a competitive element of sailing as well as an opportunity to improve sailing skills and ability. To participate in this activity the sailors need to understand basic rules and signals and follow a code of conduct for their own safety and others.

- Role of the Racing Officer
- Code of Conduct
- Safety procedures - Rules, Signals and Commands

**Thursday March 22nd 2018**

**Topic:** Communicating Safety - Powerboat maintenance

Venue: Galway Ocean Sports Centre

**Participants:** Safety Boat Operators and Maintenance Team

**Time:** 60min - 90min

**Instructor:** Ciaran Oliver

**Content:**

The safety of club members depends to a great extent on the reliability and seaworthiness of the safety boat. This sessions aims to introduce members to basic maintenance practise of the engine and vessel.

- Standard engine checks and test procedures
- Frequent faults
- Regular Service of engine and vessel

**March 24th 2018 - Sailing Season 2018** commences with Connaught School Racing and first club sailing of the year.