

TOPSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Procedure for Operation of Water Rescue Boats

Upon a request for a water rescue or recovery operation, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. Both boats are stored in the Fire Department Annex behind the old Highway Garage on School Ave. **Most rescue equipment is already stored with the boats.** Procure Portable Radio, First Aid Kit and GPS. The key to the Annex is hanging in the Watch Room.
2. Secure the Inflatable Boat inside the Aluminum Boat while on the trailer. All Rescue Equipment is carried inside the boats. Secure the motors and fuel tanks on the trailer.
3. Secure PPE on transport vehicles.
4. Upon arrival at scene, remove boats from trailer and install appropriate motors and fuel tanks.
The Yamaha Outboard is mounted on the Aluminum Boat.
The Johnson Outboard goes on the Inflatable.
Check that the fuel lines are securely connected and fuel tanks are vented.
5. Place required rescue equipment into boat. Each occupant **MUST** don a life vest. Turnout gear should not be worn in the boat. Two rescuers per boat. Maintain radio contact with Command.
6. After returning to quarters, clean out and rinse boats. Return all equipment to ready for service condition. Place the inflatable back inside the aluminum boat, and secure the equipment inside. Refill Fuel Tanks with mixed gas as needed. Return the boats to the Annex.
7. Rescue equipment for each boat for water rescues is as follows:
 - 1 Black duffel bag with 4 life vests, 1 blanket, and 1 throw rope.
 - 1 portable radio
 - 2 paddles
 - 1 First Aid Jump Kit
 - 1 GPS Receiver (if possible)
8. **Report any problems with Boats or Equipment to Command.**