



POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS
LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS
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ENGINE KILL CORD

The kill cord serves only one purpose, to stop the engine when the driver moves away from the controls. To ensure that tragic accidents are not repeated it is essential that all owners and drivers of open powerboats, PWCs and RIBs ensure that their craft is fitted with a kill switch and kill cord that is functional and correctly used.

REMEMBER

- Test them regularly to ensure that the engine stops when the kill cord mechanism is operated.
- Make sure that the cord is in good condition and if it is damaged then consult engine manufacturers for correct replacement.
- Always attach the cord securely to the driver, ideally before the engine is started, but certainly before the boat is put in gear.
- Stop the engine before transferring the kill cord to another driver.
- On a powerboat the kill cord should be attached securely around the thigh and on a PW it should be attached to the buoyancy aid.

Further information regarding the use of kill cords can be found at

<http://www.rya.org.uk/go/killcord>

Mariners are reminded that Radar, AIS, CCTV, telephone and VHF channels are recorded.

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