



LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No 12 of 2016

USE OF 'KILL CORDS' ON-BOARD POWERED CRAFT

(This is a reissue of notice No 19 of 2013, which is hereby cancelled.)

Following a fatal incident involving the ejection of a family of six from an 8m RIB the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) have issued a safety bulletin drawing attention to the proper use of kill cords on-board powered craft (MAIB Safety Bulletin 1/2013).

The following is extracted from MAIB Safety Bulletin 1/2013:

“The kill cord serves only one purpose, to stop the engine when the driver moves away from the controls. To ensure that this tragic accident is not repeated it is essential that all owners and operators of vessels fitted with kill cords:

- 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.
- 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.”

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

[http://www.rya.org.uk/go/killcord.](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/killcord)”

The full MAIB Safety Bulletin 01/2013 is available at:

[www.maib.gov.uk/publications/safety_bulletins/safety_bulletin_2013/safety_bulletin_1_2013.cfm.](http://www.maib.gov.uk/publications/safety_bulletins/safety_bulletin_2013/safety_bulletin_1_2013.cfm)

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