

## How to right and empty a capsized kayak from the patrol boat

What if one of the kayaks has capsized and child in water and there are no kayak instructors available to assist?

Unless its critical you get a child back to shore, it is not a good idea to leave an upturned kayak floating unattended in the sea. It is almost invisible once you leave it, and it will become a shipping hazard.



GO TO THE CHILD FIRST, Approach from downwind/tide, motor in neutral, are they ok?.



Child to pass over the paddle, to stow out of the way in PB. Ask child if they can they a do a little task before you before you pull them on board?



Crew to give child the end of the PB painter, and ask them to thread through the toggle, which will be underneath the kayak, close to the tip,



Then give the end back to you.



Then you can help the child on board, and move child to the back of PB, just so they are out of the way when you pull up the Kayak, remember lots of praise'



Skipper and crew will now have to pull the upturned kayak over the bow of the PB together. This can be quite heavy as kayak is half full of water, using the painter and getting a hand into the cockpit will help.



As soon as kayak is flat on top of bow of PB, most of the water will be out of kayak, and some will be in the PB. You can bail that out later.



See- saw the kayak a couple of times to get rid of all the water. Pull off the PB painter.



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If child is going to continue kayaking you can slide the kayak into the water holding firmly whilst child climbs in and sits down, give them their paddle back and let them paddle away.

If you were going to tow this kayak, slide it round to the Port side of PB, release the yellow tow rope and start the process as above for towing first kayak.