**Using dinghies**

 ***Training/instructions***

* Instruct in the use of dinghies and their limitations
* At least two crew in the dinghy
* When using the dinghy, retain enough crew aboard to undertake MOB duties
* Comply with the dinghy's approved purposes
* When towing, use a slip hook fitted as close to the water as possible
* Assess the weather
* Consider the weight of the anchor
* Check oil and fuel levels and general condition and equipment

 ***Accidents and injuries***

* Drowning
* Hypothermia
* Crush injury
* Sunstroke

 ***Illness***

* Illness due to cold and wind
* Wear and tear from hard physical work

 ***Prevention***

* Plan operations, including communication
* Always carry a VHF/UHF radio
* Arrange emergency procedures
	+ Use the right clothing and rescue gear
	+ Carry the right equipment for the dinghy

 ***Personal protection***

* Survival suit
* Life jacket
* Reflective work clothing

 ***Aids***

* Carry a searchlight if working in the dark

 ***More reading***