

Committee Boat Procedures



Committee Boat Procedures for Race Night and Regattas

PreRace Checklist (Committee Boat is in the Compound)

- Check for Full Fuel Tank
- Minimum of 2 Lifejackets on Board (Under Seat). Crew must have their own lifejackets
- Paddle and Boat Hook (in side compartment)
- Bailer (under seat)
- Water proof, floating
 - flash light
 - Heaving line
- Race Flags
- Mark Inflator (Under Seat)
- Mark Numbers 8, 9, 10 and six red caps Four
- 10lb anchors and three Killick weights (stored in centre of boat)
- To anchor the committee boat
 - One Danforth (sheet metal) Anchor and
 - One 20lb anchor (stored in bow of boat)
 - Two 100ft. lines (these lines have wide red ends).
- Towing Bridle and Towing Line
- Racing Instructions, Clipboard and Pen
- First Aid Kit and Solar Blanket
- Laminated sheet with race signals
- Race Results sheets
- Ladder
- Watch / Stopwatch Compass.

In Water Checklist 1 (Committee Boat is in the water, at the dock)

1. Turn on battery, remember to turn off when finished with boat!
2. Check that all lights work Check that the horn works
3. Put antenna up and check that the radio works
4. Leave radio turned on to Channel 16
5. Turn gas tank air vent on
6. Prime fuel ball
7. Make sure Key Tether is connected to Dead Man's Switch
8. Start engine (you may have to raise cold choke lever)
9. Check that bilge pump works
10. Check weather forecast & advise competitors

In Water Checklist 2 (Review of competitors)















The Committee Boat Crew has authority over competitors!

If you are in DOUBT with the Conditions SAY NO!!!

1. The Committee Boat can only run a race if there are 2 competent adults in the committee boat
2. Ensure committee boat crew experience and strength is sufficient for the weather conditions
3. Committee boat crew must be comfortable that race competitors are experienced enough for the weather conditions

:: FLAGS ::

for starting sequence see website ("Racing and Cruising" menu, "MSC Racing Rules")

	Start Flag (up 5 Min. down at start)		'I' (Penalty if over line in last min.)
	Start Prep Flag (up 4 Min. down 1min.)		
	'X' flag (Individual recall)		
	'M' (This object replaces missing mark)		
	'AP' (Race Postponed)		
	'N' flag (Race Abandoned)		'C' (Position of next marked changed)
	'S' flag (Race Shortened)		'H' (½ white, ½ red)
	'P' (Boat over line early)		'A' (All races are abandoned)
			'1st substitute' (General recall, all boats)

Committee Boat Radio

Your Handle:.....MSC Safety Boat

Leave Radio Tuned To.....Channel 16

To Monitor Weather..... Channel 2 For

Emergency Services.....Channel 9 .

After The Start of the Race It is recommended the Committee Boat locate near the middle of the Race Triangle and PATROL THE FLEET.

Assisting capsized boats

Check on the condition of the people in the water. Take them back to the Clubhouse immediately if they show any signs of distress.

- Put Motor into Neutral when approaching capsized sailboat
- **Any boat that *has not* been brought upright at least once in the first 15 minutes:**
 - Continue efforts to upright the boat for a maximum of 30 minutes
 - Try raising the centreboard as soon as boat is upright
 - If boat is not successfully sailing or under tow after 30 minutes:
 - Boat does not have enough flotation
 - Abandon rescue attempts – this has become a salvage issue
- **Abandoning a Boat**
 - Attach an anchor to the boat
 - Attach a floating mark (possibly a race mark) to the boat
- **If boat is *not* successfully sailing or under tow at sunset**
 - Abandon rescue attempts – **performing salvage after sunset has become a safety issue**
 - Attach an anchor to the boat
 - Attach a floating mark (possibly a race mark) to the boat

This is not a strict procedure. If individuals in water are showing distress or lack of judgment, immediately abandon salvage attempt and perform rescue.

TURN OFF THE BATTERY AS YOU REMOVE BOAT FROM WATER!

Consider the following chart to determine when to abandon salvage and start rescue

Expected Cold Water Survival		
Temperature Fahrenheit	Exhaustion/Unconscious	Expected Survival
32.5	32.5	
32.5 – 40	32.5 – 40	10 to 45 min.
40 – 50	40 – 50	39 to 90 min.
50 – 60	50 – 60	1 to 3 Hours
60 -70	60 -70	1 to 6 Hours
70 -80	70 -80	2 to 40 Hours
Over 80	Over 80	3 to Indefinitely Indefinitely

Suggestions to right a sailboat and towing

to right a sailboat	for sailboats under tow
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Put a life jacket under the top of the mast to prevent the sailboat from turtling. 2. Lower the mainsail. 3. Ensure the sheets are un-cleated. 4. Tow the bow of the capsized boat into the wind. 5. Use jib sheet from opposite side of boat for leverage. 6. Stand on centerboard, leading edge is usually thicker. 7. Raise centerboard after boat is upright to prevent another capsize. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tow rope may be tied to mast if unable to attach to prow. 2. Lower the mainsail, detach boom, and store in front cubby. 3. Open bailers. 4. Raise centreboard.

REMEMBER! The Committee Boat Crew Have The Final Decision!!!

ALL BOATS MUST BE RETURNING TO CLUBHOUSE 15 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET!!!

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