



Notes for Guidance for OOD & Safety Boat Driver

BOTH:

Unlock Clubhouse and open up.

Open at least 2 shutters by raised area.

If possible take 5 gallons of fresh water.

Get key for Safety Boat container.

Pull boat to slipway.

A full fuel tank is normally supplied by the Committee or Brian Roberts.

Pull starting platform out to the top of shingle bank and line up with the chimney across the water by sighting from the mast on the Sailing Club fence.

OOD:

Obtain clock/calculator, course sheets, racing sheets and clipboard kept in clubhouse or by Brian Roberts.

Fill in details of Date, Race (if in doubt look on the Racing Programme in the clubhouse) OOD and Safety Boat driver's names etc.

If at this stage you need advice on setting a course ask a Committee Member and they will either help you or find someone who can. You are never alone!

The course should be set 30 minutes before the start of the race.

The course to be written on the Clubhouse blackboard.

Map on notice board.

Leave the clipboard with a pen and Race Sheets on the starting platform for members to sign on.

Keep a close eye on the calculator. It is probably irreplaceable!

Go through the 10-minute, 5-minute and start routine as per the diagram in the Clubhouse using the starting platform boards.

Sound signal now working. Please handle with care as it has an acid battery. Sound signal given at each movement of the board.

If anyone is over the line at the start drop one board and note the boat on the Race Sheet unless they turn round and restart, when you can raise the board again.

At the end of the Race record the finishing time from the clock/calculator on the Race Sheets.

Make sure all the helms sign off at the end of the Race. If you do not know how to calculate times ask a Committee Member.

SAFETY BOAT DRIVER:

Ensure the motor is propped in the up position.

Get Safety Boat out of Dinghy Park and down to the water, you will have to get other club members to help with this.

Before launching lay out the anchor on the shore to hold the when it is off the trailer.

When the Safety Boat is launched make sure the trailer is pulled above the high water mark.

Next, get a list of boats racing and the course from the OOD and make sure that you have the flares with you.

Ensure the fuel pipe is coupled up and do two squeezes on the fuel bulb to prime the engine. Turn the choke full on, put the throttle in the neutral position, push the boat away from the shore, drop the engine down and pull start. Make sure the propeller does not hit the bottom, every year the propeller is wrecked due to this.

The engine should start readily, select forward low throttle and turn off the choke.

Stay behind the start line clear of boats and follow the fleet along the course until you can find a suitable position where you can see all of the course.

You should anchor or idle slowly along, watching the fleet to make sure nobody gets into difficulty and if possible make sure they take the right course.

Do not tear about all over the place, it just wastes petrol.

Remember the Safety Boat must stay in the water until ALL BOATS have returned

(See Race Rules No 20. in the clubhouse)

Near the end of the Race follow the last boat back to the Club. Just before you reach the shore kill the engine with the cut-out button leaving the throttle in forward and pull up the engine to the prop position.

If possible anchor the boat off shore a few yards, if not pull up on trailer on to the shore.

Should any damage occur or the boat/engine have problems please report as soon as possible to Brian Roberts or any Committee member Telephone numbers at the end of Instructions.

BOTH:

At the end of racing call for assistance to pull the boat up to the dinghy park.

Take fuel tank back to shed, and scramble combination lock.

Ensure Safety Boat is tipped up with bungs out for drainage.

Return Start Platform to compound and calculator and Race Sheets to Club notice board or Brian Roberts.

Shut up and lock Clubhouse.

If you cannot be last, please make sure someone will take the responsibility.

If you carry out these instructions to the full we will be pleased to let you do OOD and Safety Boat every weekend for the rest of the year!