

Committee Boat Retrieval and Mooring

Retrieval

- 1. Collect a tank of fuel (petrol) from the fuel store and the 'Nauti-buoy' keys from the race hut.
- 2. Unlock the mooring line from the post on the shore and walk along the pontoon until square with the mooring buoy, pull on the orange mooring line to get the boat closer to the pontoon then 'flick' the line to release the ring from the ball hitch, pull the line hard to release the boat from its mooring, pull the boat to the pontoon, taking care the prop does not hit the pontoon, and attach the fore and aft mooring lines.
- 3. Remove the blue cover, attach the fuel line to the tank, pump until bulb feels 'stiff', attach the kill cord and insert engine key, start the engine (it has an automatic choke).
- 4. Check that cooling water is flowing out of the engine
- 5. Insert the blue power key to the socket on the control panel, turn on the power. The radio and Auothoot are activated. Carry out a radio check with the OOD.
 - NOTE-If/when the radio beeps continuously press the centre white button under the screen.
- 6. Place the metal ring back on the ball hitch, store the mooring line and chain in the boat (a bucket is provided for this) and motor away from the pontoon.

Mooring

Return to the pontoon (stern towards the shore) and remove all personal gear, fuel tank and the keys from the boat

- 1. Tidy up the boat, checking that all the race gear is stowed properly, including the pillar buoy mooring lines, ready for next use.
- 2. Make sure the anchor is stowed square and not snagging the black release line, check that the shackle on the mooring chain is clipped onto the fairlead on the fore deck.
- 3. Attach the carabiner on the orange shore mooring line to the large ring metal ring on the ball hitch and check that lines are not snagged and are ready for next use.
- 4. Fit the blue boat cover
- 5. The boat is taken out to the mooring by the support boat. Brief the support boat crew on how to secure the boat to its mooring, see below. It is recommended that the support boat motors out in reverse, make sure the prop does not hit the pontoon.
- 6. As the boat is towed out hold on to the orange mooring line, playing it out as required.

Mooring the boat to the buoy-

- a. Pick up the white float near the mooring buoy to which a large carabineer is attached.
- b. Protruding from the black box on the foredeck of the committee boat is a metal rod. The mooring carabineer is clipped on this rod ready for the next retrieval of the boat.
- 7. When the boat has been moored, take the orange mooring line and chain to the post on the shore and attach the shackle on the end of the chain to the swivel on the post with the padlock
- 8. Return the keys to the race box and the fuel tank to the fuel store.