

RACE COMMITTEE PROCEDURES ON SHORE PRE-RACE

If you are assigned as Principal Race Officer (PRO), arrive at the Race Committee dock at least one and a half hour before scheduled start time (Sunday Races 2:00 pm start, One Days and Long Distance Races 12:30 pm. start).

1. Assess weather conditions: NO racing if temperature is less than 40F or more than 95F or if wind is 20mph or greater
2. Meet with your committee members and assess their experience and powerboat handling capabilities. Each person should have a wearable PFD (life jacket)
3. Assign operators for both the 17ft Whaler (Mark 1) and 13ft Whaler (Mark2). In the interest of safety, ALWAYS take both Whalers out to the Race Course, even if you tie the 13ft Whaler to RC1 pontoon boat. You can always find a use for the second boat. Do not conduct a race if you do not have enough personnel to operate at least one Whaler , in addition to the RC1.
4. Assign one person to assist you on the RC pontoon boat (RC1) to record competitors as they check in; to operate the autostart system; and to record finishes, including elapsed time for Open Class boats. PRO will raise and lower signal flags.
5. If available, assign one person to assist on each Whaler, and at least one to assist on the RC pontoon boat.
6. Open RC Storage Shed and (A) retrieve ignition keys for the RC pontoon boat and the two Whalers, and (B) retrieve three VHF radios and turn "on" to verify their charge level.
7. Check fuel level in tanks on boats – refill using 2 gal. cans located in dock storage area. Check each boat for a throwable, paddle, anchor, and sounding device (whistle).
8. Start power boats.. Starting instructions are on a placard near ignition key on each boat.. idle for 5 minutes. Be Sure to look for a water stream exiting from motor....if no stream, turn motor OFF and do not use.
9. Retrieve racing marks and anchors/anchor lines from dock storage: large orange cylinder - windward mark; orange tetrahedron –leeward mark; white ball and its orange flag-starting pin. Other marks are available if needed.
10. Set Windward mark with 17ft Whaler; Starting pin and leeward mark with 13ft Whaler.
11. Leave dock no later than 45 minutes before starting time

