

WHALER AND COMMITTEE BOAT OPERATION

Please remember the following when operating the boats:

1. It is your responsibility to fill the gas tanks of the boats after use. They should not be left empty.
2. The newest whaler has gas tanks that are too large to remove and fill. Push the boat back alongside the gas shed and fill them in the boat. Simply lift up the seat cover (do not un-snap it). Move the starboard tank close to the port side to fill it. ALWAYS park that whaler in the stall furthest away from the seawall for this reason.
3. Always report any operational issues to Bob Winston, Jerry DeWille, Gerald Donaldson or Mike Pitzer. If it's broke we need to know. Report ANYTHING!
4. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE wash down the inside and outside after use. It only takes a few extra minutes.
5. Be sure to unplug and plug in the electrical cord on the committee boat at each end before and after use. Keep the cord out of the water. It plugs in on the dash. Without it batteries will not be kept charged.
6. As of 5/1/17 the committee boat can be started by pumping the gear shift lever all the way forward 4 times then push the throttle lever up (the flat one). Once started push it back down. Then very slowly engage the gear lever forward to throttle up. Otherwise it may stall out and die. We are working on fixing this issue
7. Be sure your whaler has necessary life jackets, a ladder and a decent tow line. It should also have a fire extinguisher, boat hook and a small medical kit.
8. Be sure the VHF radio works before leaving the dock. CSA owns 5 handhelds (see Bob) so there is always a back up available if your boat's built in does not work. Our working channel for all communication (which Bob monitors too) is channel 72. DO NOT USE ANY OTHER CHANNEL.
9. You must also take your cell phone for emergency communication to outside resources. NO ONE on the lake monitors any VHF channels, NOT EVEN 16, for emergencies.
10. SAFETY is the primary mission of the whaler crews. If a serious on the water emergency occurs call 911 and report who you are (CSA whaler), where you are and what is the nature of the emergency. The sheriff's office will then dispatch ambulance, rescue, fire, etc. Then advise the committee boat via VHF. See the emergency procedure outline for further information.

The Whaler Committee

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