

WHALER AND COMMITTEE BOAT OPERATION

Please remember the following when operating the boats;

You should not drive a whaler if you aren't familiar with its operation and how to maneuver it in close quarters with other vessels. See one of the individuals mentioned herein if you would like instruction.

1. It is your responsibility to fill the gas tanks of each boat used, at the end of the day. They should not be left empty.
2. The newest whaler is on the red trailer. It has gas tanks that are too large to remove and fill. So, to fill its tanks 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 so this fill can be accomplished.
3. PLEASE report any broken parts, radio malfunction or maintenance issues to Bob Winston, Jerry DeWille, Gerald Donaldson or Mike Pitzer. If its broke we need to know. REPORT ANYTHING YOU THINK NEEDS ATTENTION. We can't fix it if we don't know about it.
4. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE wash down the inside and outside after use. It only takes a few extra minutes. We all like clean boats.
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, the house batteries will not be kept charged and the speakers and lights will not work.
6. Check each Whaler before use and be sure it has; full gas tanks, fenders, tow line, fire extinguisher, extra life jackets, a ladder and a working vhf radio. You also need the race equipment.
7. Know how to use a vhf radio. 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 unit does not work. Our working channel for all on the water communication (which Bob monitors too) is channel 72. DO NOT USE ANY OTHER CHANNEL. All vessels in CSA's fleet should be tuned to 72.

8. You should also take your cell phone for emergency communication to outside resources. Based on conversations with the Corps folks, it is save to assume that NO ONE on the lake monitors VHF channels, NOT EVEN 16. You must call 911 to get the fastest, co-ordinated response. That goes to the Clinton County sheriff's office which will co-ordinate with all necessary emergency responders. If you have no cell connection call Bob Winston on channel 72.
9. SAFETY is the primary mission of the whaler crews. If a serious on the water emergency occurs call 911. Report who you are (CSA whaler helps on the water identification), where you are (geographical position or better yet lat and longitude) and what is the nature of the emergency. The sheriff's office will then dispatch on the water help from West Access, ambulance to CSA, 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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