

BSC COMMITTEE BOAT

The committee boat has been refurbished to make it more user-friendly. The mast has been deck-mounted to stop water ingress and all the internal woodwork replaced or re-varnished. There are also universal 12v and USB power outlets in the cabin.

SET UP

Go-kit.

- From the Race Office, pack the flags you need for the day, the two timer clocks, the OOD book, spare race sheets, and a radio in the silver suitcase.
- Put the course number boxes and two covered clipboards (in 4-drawer cabinet) in the black carrying box.
- If you want a flask, talk to Stan.

Committee boat.



Carefully remove the green cockpit cover and the stern gate. Leave them ashore however if the boat is at anchor/on mooring, or to be returned to the mooring stow them in the cabin.

Set the cover-bar on the starboard deck so that the wedges are on the bottom and the course numbers slot is on the top. Tie it down. This is used to display the set course.




Remove and stow the cabin hatch.

The cockpit floor will slide backwards so that any bilge water can be pumped out. Check the bow locker for water and pump out if necessary.

Test the horn before leaving the dock (see below for set-up).

Main mast flags. The mast is rigged for a masthead flag (orange) to indicate on station and an additional halyard for Shortened Course (Sierra)  or Postponement 

Race flags. There are 7 hoists for race signal flags.

Rig the class start flags from the rear working forwards    etc

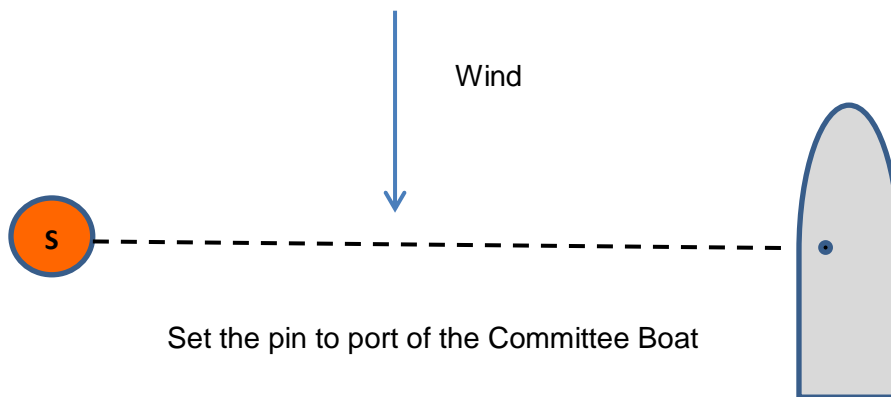
Rig the OCS  and General Recall  from the front so that you can reach them while watching the start line.

Horn. Place the horn on the roof of the cabin and plug it in to the DIN socket (white panel) on the cabin internal bulkhead. The horn button, mounted above the door frame is in easy reach while watching the line. Unplug and store the horn after racing. Please check the battery solar charger is connected after the racing has finished. Spare fuses are taped to the door; the fuse block is inside-left of the storage compartment.

Clocks. The clocks will sit on the roof (do once on station) and arrange them so you can see simultaneously one clock and the start line from behind the main mast. There are Velcro strips on the roof to hold the clocks safely in position. Stow the clocks before moving the boat back to the jetty or mooring.

BOAT MANAGEMENT

Positioning. The boat will tow easier using the long bowline rather than attempting to tow alongside the powerboat. Once in the desired position, drop the anchor. Hoist the orange flag on the main mast to indicate that you are on station as a start/finish boat. If you want to reduce the boat swing on the wind, make sure you take a spare small grapple anchor with you and get the towing boat to drop it aft of the committee boat. The easiest access to the boat is via the open stern.



Race Officer. With the cabin hatch removed, you have an ideal position to be able to closely monitor the line, see the clocks, and reach the horn and the OCS and Recall flags.

Assistant OODs. There is reasonable wind protection inside the cockpit. It is also possible to monitor the race track from inside the cabin once the start sequence is complete.

De-rigging. Pack away all the flags and gear you brought on board before towing in. Clean off anchor(s) before they are brought on board. Unplug the horn. Check the solar charger is connected.

Docking.

If coming back to the jetty tie off the yellow stern rope to the rear mast. Once back at the end of the jetty, use the bowline and stern line to turn the boat so that the stern is innermost. This will make unloading and replacing the cover easier.

- Secure the boat alongside; mooring lines bow stern and side.
- Remove all gear you brought on and return it to the race hut.
- Replace the stern gate
- Replace the cabin hatch
- Replace the cover bar (used for the course marker numbers)
- Fit the cockpit cover (easiest done working front to back).

Mooring. When mooring the committee boat to the mooring buoys, attach using the bow line with a round turn and two half hitches. Please do not just loop to warp through the ring since it will wear through in rough weather.

Please leave the boat clean and tidy (as you would like to find it)