

Instructions for Deploying Inflatable Marks

The Race Officer may request the Patrol Boat to lay additional marks before racing commences. Two large inflatable orange marks, called HUT and KEG, are kept in the Clubhouse for this purpose.

The ground tackle for each mark is normally kept aboard the committee boat and is colour coded. Make sure you use correct ground tackle for each mark.

Laying 'HUT' and 'KEG'

1. Patrol Boat coxswain takes the mark to the RIB. It can be towed alongside the Jeanneau Rigiflex.
2. Ground tackle for the mark is aboard the RIB in yellow bucket, alternatively it may be on the committee boat.
3. Whilst rigging the tackle it is worth tying-off the end of the chain on the boat cleat to avoid losing the ground tackle.
4. Deploy the anchor with the flukes open and locked by the sliding collar.
5. Clip the hook of the weighted mark onto the ground tackle chain once approx. 'two times depth' of chain has been laid.
6. Untie the end of the chain from the boat and allow the surplus chain to hang below the mark.
7. You may need to drag the mark a few yards to ensure that the anchor is set.

Recovery of the mark may be undertaken once all boats have completed racing.

It will be prudent to have all the ground tackle aboard before disconnecting the mark!

Please return the mark to the Club Hut after use.