

Operating Instructions for WWSC Patrol Boat RIB with Suzuki 50 Engine

WWSC requires that you operate this boat in a safe and seamanlike manner. Personal buoyancy will be worn at all times. When underway, the kill-cord must always be attached to the helmsman.

The radio call sign for the Rib is "WITTERING YELLOW".

STARTING PROCEDURES

1. Lower engine fully using the rocker switch on the side of gearshift. You may have to release the support bracket on the engine leg.
2. Open the air vent on the petrol tank cap a couple of turns. The petrol tank is under the seat.
3. Squeeze the fuel bulb repeatedly until firm.
4. Insert ignition key, and attach the kill-cord clip. Note the engine will not run if this clip isn't attached. The lanyard of the kill-cord should be attached to you (e.g. loop it securely around your leg using the metal clip or attach it to your belt etc.).
5. Control lever must be in neutral - move it up and down until it locks in the middle position
6. Lift the Throttle Lever to provide a little throttle for starting.
7. Turn ignition key clockwise until the engine fires then release. Note: there is no choke mechanism on this engine.
8. The Throttle Lever must be returned to bed once the engine has fired and runs steadily.
9. Check that coolant water is flowing from the lower rear of the engine block. If not, shut down and check for a blockage around the propeller area after having removed the ignition key.
10. Once the engine is running smoothly, without throttle, lift the button under the control lever and shift the lever both forward and back to check that you have gear engagement before casting off.

ALWAYS:

- Stop the engine when near anyone in the water.
- Wear the kill-cord when underway. It is there to kill the engine should you lose balance and fall out of the boat.
- Lift the engine leg 20-30° when working shallow water.
- Check for steady water discharge from the engine when running.

NEVER:

- Run the engine out of water - when the engine is running the anti-cavitation plate should be immersed at all times.
- Shift from forward to reverse abruptly, pause in neutral for a second or two.