FORT LANGLEY CANOE CLUB
DRAGON BOAT • OUTRIGGER • BIG CANOE

Coach/Safety Boat – Policy

BOOKINGS:

Teams, programs or events may book a coach/safety boat at least **one week in advance**. Please contact the Coach/Safety Boat Coordinator to book a coach/safety boat at dal2@fortlangleycanoeclub.ca

The coach/safety boat booking calendar can be found on the FLCC's website.

ORIENTATIONS:

A team member and or team coach must be oriented with the use and operation of the coach/safety boats. FLCC will schedule coach/safety boat orientation sessions from time to time, as demand dictates.

The coach/safety boat **operator** must be an FLCC member, possess a valid Canadian Pleasure Craft Operator's Card (PCOC) and have completed a recent orientation on the use and operation of the coach/safety boat. A copy of the operator's boating license (PCOC) must be sent to the Coach/Safety Boat Coordinator dal2@fortlangleycanoeclub.ca for filing with FLCC prior to any use of an FLCC coach/safety boat. Access codes to the gas, boathouse and coach/safety boats to be provided at time of orientation.

BOAT USAGE FEE:

Teams who use the coach/safety boat regularly will be charged to help offset gas cost, repairs and replacement of coach boats and engines.

- Once a week usage = $250 for a 6-month season
- Twice a week usage = $500 for a 6-month season
- Three times a week usage = $750 for a 6-month season
- One time practice session = $20.00 for DB or OC session

Boat usage fees are due by **April 1 (Apr-Sept) and October 1 (Oct-Mar)** Seasons. Fees for one time practice sessions are due prior to the session.

Please note: this does not guarantee or reserve boat usage, this is to offset cost. Throughout the season, the coach/safety boat may be needed by other members or for events, so we ask all users to work together to share the club resources.

COACH/SAFETY BOAT RULES AND PROCEDURES:

This info is sent out annually, as a reminder of rules and procedures for all of us who share the coach/safety boats. Please read thoroughly.

The following items must accompany the operator when taking out the coach/safety boat:

OPERATOR:

- Valid Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) License
- Personal Floatation Device (PFD) – Canadian Coast Guard/Transport Canada approved
- Noise making device - Pealess whistle attached to PFD recommended
- Cell phone

IN BOAT:

- Paddle (use Mohawk paddle - the one with aluminum shaft)
- Bailer
- Throw bag
- Orange Fox 40 Boat Essentials Kit (includes 3 reflective blankets, flashlight, pencil, whistle & 50' nylon braided rope & float, Emergency Pull-out Map & AED locations). One kit is attached to each boat.
- Each boat is equipped with a first aid kit in red waterproof bag.
- Emergency Pull-out map and AED Locations – located in Orange Fox Essential Kit
- Safety Lights – the safety/coach boats are fitted with a red and green bow light and a 360-degree white light which is in a white plastic tube in each boat.
- White light is to be used if on the water after sunset or before sunrise. Special permission is required by FLCC Board of Directors (BOD) to use boat in low light conditions.

GAS TANKS are topped up weekly by **designated club volunteers** coordinated by the Coach/Safety Boat Coordinator. The purpose of a "designate" is to ensure that **high octane gas** is consistently used and our motors are protected from poor quality gas.

Fill gas tanks in gravel area outside gas cage, not on docks. Gas tanks and Jerry cans are to be stored inside FLCC's Yellow Flammable cabinet located inside gas cage after every use. Keep fuel line connector end clean (out of dirt) and be careful not to crimp fuel lines during use and storage.





The FLCC's yellow Flammable Safety cabinet has limited space and can only store 1 gas tank and 1 Jerry-can on each shelf. FLCC is only allowed to store 25 litres of fuel which is approximately 2 gas tanks.

SAFETY NOTE: when performing a rescue from water, shut engine **OFF** until person is safely in the boat. A Safety Ladder is attached to the transom for rescue from the water. The ladder is a 4-step telescoping ladder designed to allow for boarding at transom. During retrieval, the boat motor is to be turned off, operator to move to the bow of the boat to counterbalance the weight.



Telescoping Safety Ladder at Transom



Swimmers Guard for propeller – engines #7, #8 & #9

SAFETY LIGHTS: The coach/safety boats are fitted with a red and green bow light and a 360-degree white light which is stored in a plastic tube in each boat. It is to be threaded onto the threaded mount at the stern of the boat.

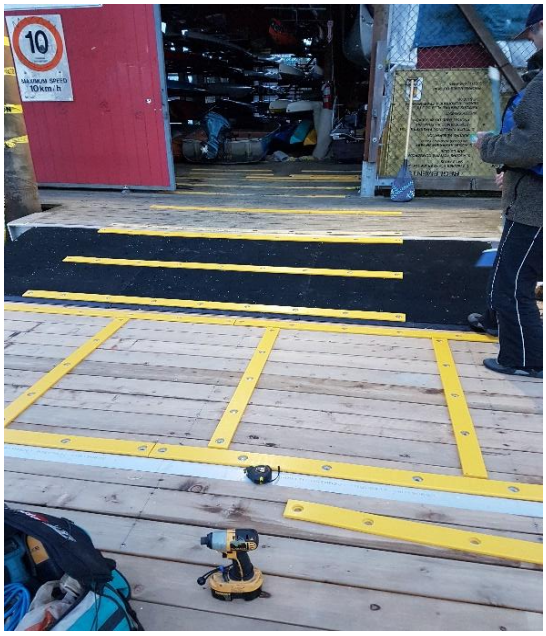
BOATS & ENGINES (Equipment Description)

Coach/Safety-Boat #1	2018 Black Mirrocraft 15ft – 2 side seats, 2 bench seats
Coach/Safety-Boat #2	2019 Black Mirrocraft 15ft – 3 bench seats

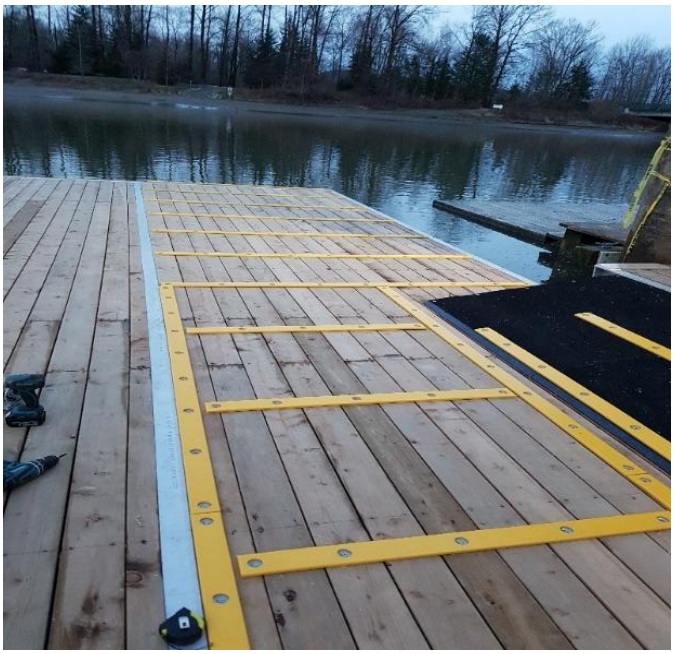
Engine #7	Orange	Tohatsu 9.9 batteryless fuel injection engine & swimmers guard
Engine #8	Yellow	Tohatsu 9.9 batteryless fuel injection engine & swimmers guard
Engine #9	Blue	Tohatsu 9.9 batteryless fuel injection engine & swimmers guard

LAUNCHING COACH/SAFETY BOAT FROM THE PADDLESPORT BOATHOUSE:

- Open west barn doors of Paddlesport boathouse and unlock boat.
- With assistance of at least one other person, slide boat on yellow strips, down ramp and onto the dock platform. Always grip the boat's gunwales when maneuvering the boat on the dock. **DO NOT** pull on the safety ladder as it may break.
- Make sure boat plug is in the coach/safety boat
- Slide boat, stern first, on yellow dock strips to the dock edge
- Slide boat into water stern first with one person holding bow line
- Tilt motor down into the water



West Barn Door & Ramp


West Dock Platform & Yellow Strips

RETURNING COACH/SAFETY BOAT TO THE PADDLESPORT BOATHOUSE:

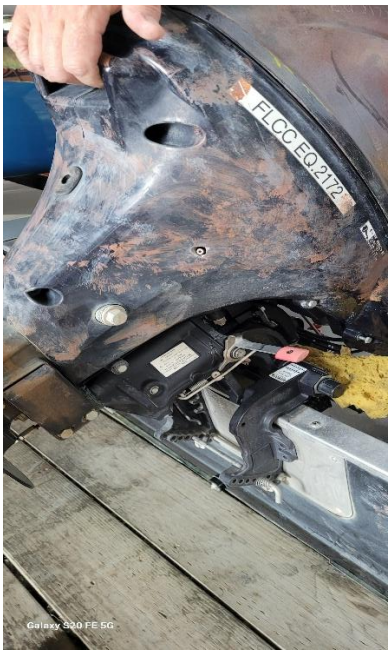
- Tilt Up engine
- Pull boat on to dock via yellow strips, bow first
- Bail boat
- Remove any personal items and garbage from boat
- Slide boat along yellow strips and up ramp
- Return boat to boathouse making sure to leave space for the other coach/safety boat should it still be on water
- **Lock boat**
- **Return gas tank to FLCC's Yellow Flammable cabinet inside the gas cage**

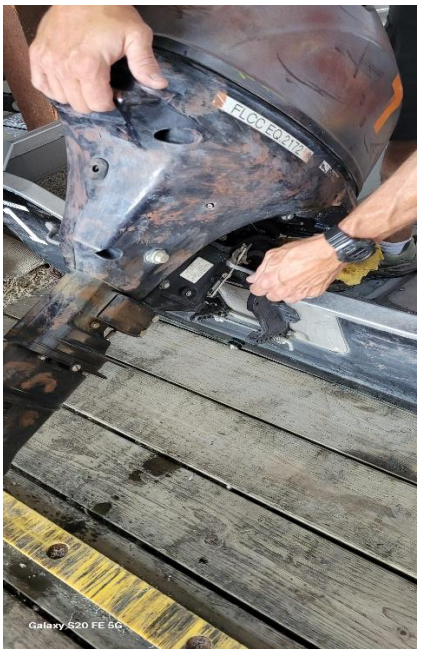
How to "Tilt Up" engine (raise the engine out of the water)

Push the reverse lock lever (red tip) down until it stops. (This is the tilt up position) Now tilt the outboard engine all the way up until it is locked in place.

How to "Tilt Down" engine (lower the engine into the water)

Pull the reverse lock lever (red tip) upward until it comes to a stop (This is the tilt down position), lift up the outboard engine to free it from the reverse lock, then release to lower the outboard engine.





To raise or lower engine use the reverse lock lever (red tip)



Fuel line with primer ball.

INSTALLING FUEL – All Engines (#7, #8 & #9)

- Put gas tank in boat
- Open vent on top of gas tank
- Ensure fuel line is clean and attach to engine. Make sure fuel line connector (plug) is attached to engine the correct way. Trying to connect it backwards will damage the plug end, causing fuel supply issues, and result in operational failure.
- Pump primer ball until hard

TO START ENGINE – (#7, #8 & #9)

- Insure "dead man clip" is installed on "dead man kill button" and attach it to the boat operator.
- Set throttle on "Start."
- Pull cord to start engine.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Review Fort Langley Canoe Club's Safety Manual – located on website
- Never leave gas tanks in the coach/safety boat or boathouse - always return to FLCC's Yellow Flammable cabinet inside gas cage.
- Coach/safety boats are not to be left unsecured at either the Canoe Dock or West Dock or Paddlesport Dock. A cable and a lock have been installed in each boat.
- If you notice issues or damage with a coach/safety boat, engine, gas tank or fuel line, please make an incident report (found on the club website) asap and mark with yellow caution tape if necessary. Each boat, engine, gas tank and fuel line are numbered. When making an incident report please include the number of the equipment with the issue.