

ON THE DOCK**Safety Checks**

- Fire extinguisher
- Flares
- PFDs
- Cell Phone

Engine Checks

- Check fuel level and fuel line priming bulb
- Check oil (Engine must be in the down position.)
- Check position of “dead-man” switch. Hook to driver’s body!

Starting

- Take the engine out of gear and place it in idle.
- Start engine
- Choke & Start (Note: Engine may flood if too much choke/throttle is used.)
- Check cooling water, make it is peeing
- Warm up the engine for a few minutes at idle.

ON THE WATER**Safety**

- Always be aware of the propeller!
- Keep people in front of the boat.
- Kill the engine IMMEDIATELY, if a swimmer comes to the boat
- Restart the engine only when the swimmer is back in a boat

Skiff Operation

- Shift gears smoothly. Grinding is bad!
- Accelerate/decelerate slowly
- Observe speed limit restrictions
- Be aware of your wake
- Keep one hand on the tiller and one on the side of the boat. Always hold on!

Mast in Mud

- Pick up capsized sailor
- Nose the bow of the skiff up to the capsized boat with the daggerboard/centerboard at the skiff’s bow.
- Instruct sailor to hold the daggerboard/centerboard
- Slowly back down pulling the mast out the way it went in.

Shallow Water (i.e. beach or rocks)

- Throw a line OR paddle to stranded sailor.
- Keep the skiff clear or you might get stuck.

Towing

- Pass the sailor a line. The stern towline works best.
- Instruct him/her to take several wraps around the mast and hold onto the end.
- Tow slowly and look behind often.

Docking

- Come in slowly.
- Remember you need power to steer.
- Pull out skiff and flush motor for five minutes.