

2022 Steering Meeting, April 18, 2022 at CBC

Hosts: Kelly Abbott, Blanche Bybee

Introductions all around, and intro by Kelly and Blanche

1. Radios

- a. Reviewed operation and use. Laminated instructions will be in 2nd drawer of filing cabinet where radios are stored. **On** button is not obvious – it's the little one on the side. Use 68 channel, can also use 69, 71, 72. These are boat-to-boat channels. Do not use to chit chat. Agree before heading out what channel everyone will use. Channel and volume on same buttons.
- b. Make sure you *press* the button to talk and then *release* to listen.
- c. Recommendation to do dryland testing with group in boatyard periodically.
- d. Checked out charging station (lock code is same as locker: 2276). Radios stay charged a long time, steers not necessarily required to charge after every practice, just check charge level.
- e. How to wear it: pocket of PFD, tied on outside of safety bag, or on lanyard. Should be accessible in emergency and not fall off in huli. Figure out your method!
- f. TURN IT ON.

2. Safety Bags

- a. Contents: flare (instructions on it), gel (diabetic, low blood sugar), folding knife to cut line in emergency, inner tube rubber to tie iako etc, whistle

3. Right of Way instructions

- a. Ernie provided ROW instructions. Technically we may have the ROW because we are human powered but we have greater maneuverability than a sailboat, ferry or coast guard vessel so give them the ROW. Sailboat visibility may be impaired by their sails. And we are smaller too so just get of the way!
- b. When altering course, course correction should be large so it is clear what you are doing.
- c. When overtaking another vessel, the overtaking boat has to give way.
- d. When two similar vessels cross paths the one on the right gives way.
- e. When approaching head on, both vessels go right
- f. Boater license course recommended (not required).

4. Rigging

- a. Check straps to see if tight. Check that shims are secure.
- b. Check for 2 *working* bailers (if have caps, check them, etc). Can not recover a huli without working bailers.
- c. Check plugs, fore / aft dry lockers (no water coming out etc)
- d. Safety straps: all canoes except UL should have one. Blanche has a technique to pull people in from top straps of their PFD. If you are in canoe and they are in water, push them down in water then up into canoe with you. Practice this, works well.

5. Rinsing canoes/equipment

- a. Not really steers responsible but ultimately steers can help to hold others accountable to helping out. Important to rinse salt water from equipment.

6. Storage at CBC

- a. Sailboats are now parked behind our canoes at the CBC. Out canoes are vulnerable to dings as boatyard gets busy with young/inexperienced CBC users moving equipment around.
 - b. When storing canoes after practice park carts/cones/cradles around the canoes to protect them.
 - c. The rails have been moved out to accommodate the matahina. Rec is putting the tall orange cone at the end of the rail because trucks backing into boatyard can't see end of the rail. Leave it there during/after practice.
 - i. Matahina will go on rack properly once rigged, so rails may not stick out so far long term.
7. Launching
 - a. Lets be more consistent. One on back, 2 at seat 6, 2 on ama, no one needs to be the middle. Once the nose hits the water it is supported at that end, no reason to have people in the water. Have 3 at back. Steers should be directing people. Assign someone to place bumper/ fender.
 - b. Also people should be quiet! Go slow coming in and out, this is still part of practice and instructions need to be heard.
8. incident reports
 - a. in file cabinet. Use If person is hurt or property is damaged.
9. Coaching
 - a. Competitive – seat 6 does not coach unless they are a coach. Steer only. Only exception is to call out timing, and in that case be specific to a seat and whether they are early etc. Or if you are asked specifically to coach from another seat.
 - b. Rec – does not have as many coaching supports so steers may be asked to coach. Also other seats may be specifically asked to coach (both individuals will be notified if personal coaching will be done).
 - c. Keep chatter to a minimum so seat 1 doesn't miss a stroke trying to hear instructions from seat 6.
10. Resources
 - a. 90 minute coaching video by CORA on BBOP website under Resources/Coaching menu. <https://www.bbop.us/coaching>
 - b. The video reviews the drag created with different steering strokes. In our bay you don't need a big steering stroke – a left/right poke is all you need. Any other stroke (such as big left post or drawing water under canoe) will just create massive drag and your crew will feel it.
 - c. Poke right at your side, not behind you. Deeper poke for bigger turn (but more drag). Smaller corrections before bigger corrections.
11. Steering certification is Jill's department. She will talk about that when she starts up the practices.