

TEES ROWING CLUB
LAUNCH PRE-USE CHECKS

TRC uses launches as safety boats and for coaches. It is sometimes taken for granted that they are in good condition and safe to use, but there are a few checks that should be made at the start of each outing.

FUEL TANK

- The tank vent should be open
- The tank should be full
- There are no fuel leaks
- The fuel lead is securely fixed to the tank

OUTBOARD MOTOR

- The motor is fixed securely to the transom
- The kill cord is in place
- The speed control moves easily
- After starting the motor
 - Did it start easy and run smoothly when warmed up?
 - Is there a good flow of cooling water (i.e. is there water coming out of the engine directly into the river)?
 - Pull the kill cord and ensure the engine stops

STEERING

- Steering works correctly, i.e. is smooth and moves the outboard motor

MOORING AND OTHER ROPES

- These are secure out of the water and cannot foul the propellor. The drain bungs are closed.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- Have you all the safety equipment i.e. First aid kit, knife, spare kill cord, space blanket (or survival jacket), throw line, spare rope for towing, paddle, boat hook and spare lifejacket/buoyancy aid

IF THE BOAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH ANY OF THESE CHECKS ,THEN DO NOT USE IT.

AFTER USE

- Fill the fuel tank to replace fuel used
- Remove black bung at rear of RIB and check chamber between skins and drain any water, replace bung
- Drain any water from floats on Banana
- Clear any debris from the launch and wipe down