

# Owner's Manual



## SeekR 650

**Please keep this manual in a secure place and hand it over to the new owner when you sell the craft.**

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# 1 WELCOME

Congratulations on becoming the new owner of a: SeekR 650

This manual has been compiled to help you to operate your craft with safety and pleasure. It contains details of the craft, the equipment supplied or fitted, its systems and information on their operation, set up, maintenance, prevention of risks and management of those risks. Please read carefully and familiarize yourself with the craft before using it.

## 1.1 Boating Experience

This owner's manual is not a course on boating safety or seamanship. If this is your first craft, or if you are changing to a type of craft you are not familiar with, for your own comfort and safety, please ensure that you obtain handling and operating experience before "assuming command" of the craft.

Any boat dealer or national sailing federation or yacht club will be pleased to advise you of local sea schools, or competent instructors.

Even when your boat is categorized for them, the sea and wind conditions corresponding to the design categories A, B and C range from severe gale conditions for category A, to strong conditions for the top of category C, open to the hazards of a freak wave or gust. These are therefore dangerous conditions, where only a competent, fit and trained crew using a well-maintained craft can satisfactorily operate.

This owner's manual is not a detailed maintenance or trouble-shooting guide. In the case of difficulty, refer to the boat builder or boat builder's representative. If a maintenance manual is provided, use it for the craft's maintenance.

## 1.2 Responsibility

Always use trained and competent people for maintenance, repair or modifications. Modifications that may affect the safety characteristics of the craft shall be assessed, executed and documented by competent people. The boat builder cannot be held responsible for modifications that boat builder has not approved.

In some countries, a driving licence or authorization is required, or specific regulations are in force and carriage requirements may be subject to local regulations.

It is the boat owner/operator's responsibility to:

- 1 Know the limitations of your boat;
- 2 Follow the rules of the road;
- 3 Keep a sharp lookout for people and objects in the water;

- 4 Ensure that the anticipated wind and sea conditions will correspond to the design category of your boat and that you and your crew are able to handle the boat in these conditions;
- 5 Never sail when the operator is under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
- 6 Be aware of the crew/passenger's safety at all times;
- 7 Reduce speed when there is limited visibility, rough water, people in the water nearby, boats, or structures;
- 8 Always maintain your craft properly and take into account the deterioration that will occur over time and as a result of heavy use or misuse of the craft.

Any craft, no matter how strong it may be, can be severely damaged if not used properly. Inspect the craft regularly especially after any kind of suspected damage. Always adjust the speed and direction of the craft to sea conditions.

If your craft is fitted with a liferaft, carefully read its operating manual. The craft should have onboard the appropriate safety equipment (lifejackets, harnesses, etc.) according to the type of craft, weather conditions, etc. This equipment is mandatory in some countries. The crew should be familiar with the use of all safety equipment and emergency manoeuvring (man overboard recovery, towing, etc.). Sailing schools and clubs regularly organize training sessions.

All persons should wear a suitable personal floatation device (life jacket/ buoyancy aid) when on deck. Note that, in some countries, it is a legal requirement to wear a personal floatation device that complies with their national regulations.

## 2 ABOUT THIS MANUAL

This manual has been compiled to help you to operate your craft with safety and pleasure. It contains details of the craft; the equipment supplied or fitted its systems and information on their operation. Please read it carefully and familiarise yourself with the craft before using it. Ensure that everyone who will operate the vessel reads this manual before setting out.

This manual complies with the EU Directive and UK Regulations for Recreational Craft (RCD/RCR) and should not be perceived as an exhaustive guide to the vessel. A manual is not a replacement for experience and common sense!

### 2.1 Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Manuals










This manual includes important fundamentals regarding equipment supplied by other manufacturers. More detailed information regarding such equipment can be found in manuals provided by the OEM.

A list of these manuals is given here:






- Engine
- Steering gear
- Navigation lights
- Batteries
- Instruments
- VHF radio

## 2.2 Safety Labels

The craft and this manual show symbols which advise the owner/operator and crew of imperative safety precautions to follow when operating and/or servicing equipment. The following symbols may be found on your craft. They should be respected at all times.

	Hazard - usually followed by text description (see following section)		Read the Owners Manual
	Electrical Hazard		Fire Hazard
	Fuel fill point: letter 'D' denotes suitability for diesel fuel		Fuel fill point: letter 'P' (or no letter) denotes suitability for petrol fuel
<b>FIRE PORT</b>	Dedicated discharge opening for extinguisher		Location of fire extinguisher
	Escape		Sling position for safe lifting of the vessel

## 2.3 Explanation of Hazard Warnings

	Danger	indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
	Warning	indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
	Caution	indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
	Notice	indicates information considered important, but not hazard-related, for example, relating to property damage.
	Caution	Do not remove or obstruct any safety label. Replace any label which becomes illegible.


### 3 GENERAL ARRANGEMENT



#### 3.1 Boat Identification & CE Marking Classification

Type of Boat	SeekR 650				
Manufacturer's Craft Identification Number	NZ-QFX00001D424				
Name of Boat Manufacturer	Kiwi Yachting Consultants T/A Southern Pacific Inflatables				
Design Category		A	B	C	D
Maximum recommended number of people	adults			9	

<sup>1</sup> For maximum weight limit see: 3.2.3

	<p><b>Warning</b></p>	<p>Do not exceed the maximum recommended number of persons. Regardless of the number of persons on board, the total mass of persons and equipment must never exceed the maximum recommended load. Always use the seats/occupancy areas provided.</p>
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##### 3.1.1 Design Category Explanation

This vessel carries the CE marking (shown here) to indicate that it complies with the EU Recreational Craft Directive. It has been assigned the Design Category explained below:



A watercraft given design category C is considered to be designed to operate in typical steady winds of Beaufort force 6 or less and the associated significant waves heights of up to 2 m. Typically such conditions might be encountered on exposed inland waters, in estuaries, and in coastal waters in moderate weather conditions. Depending on atmospheric conditions, winds can gust to about 18 m/s.



Boats in each design category shall be designed and constructed to withstand these parameters with respect to stability, buoyancy and other relevant essential requirements set out in this annex and to have good handling characteristics.

## 3.2 Principal Dimensions

### 3.2.1 Hull Size

Length of Hull	$L_H$	6.200	(m)
Length on waterline	$L_{WL}$	5.830	(m)
Length - max. overall	$L_{MAX}$	6.000	(m)
Beam of hull	$B_H$	2.180	(m)
Beam on waterline	$B_{WL}$	1.700	(m)
Beam - maximum	$B_{MAX}$	2.180	(m)
Deadrise Angle	$\beta$	30.000	(deg)
Freeboard forward	$F_F$	1.258	(m)
Freeboard amidships	$F_M$	0.534	(m)
Freeboard aft	$F_A$	0.470	(m)
Maximum draft	$T$	0.730	(m)
Air draft: max.	$H_A$	1.520	(m)

### 3.2.2 Maximum Recommended Power

Power measurement to EN ISO 8665 Marine propulsion engines and systems - Power measurements and declarations

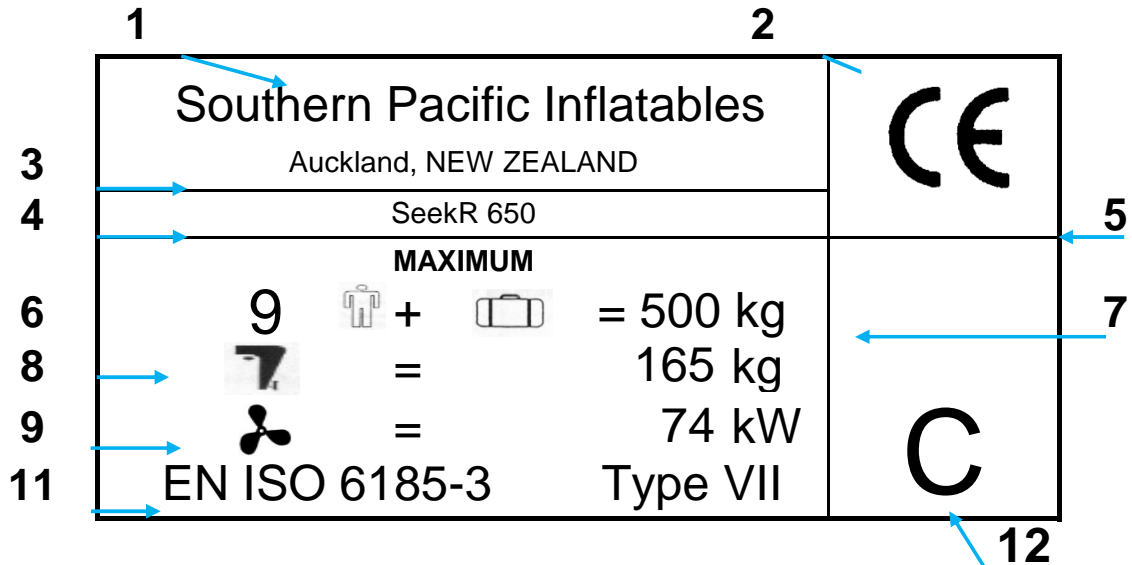
Horsepower	100	(hp) (metric)
Kilowatts	74	(kW)

### 3.2.3 Weights

A 'maximum load' has been used for assessing stability and buoyancy, comprising:

Design Category		All weights in kilograms (kg)
		C
Maximum Number of Persons		675
Baggage, outboard, & other carry on weights & Portable fuel tanks		-175
Max Load as on Builder's Plate	$m_{MBP}$	500
Maximum capacity of fixed fuel tanks (80 litres)		59
Weight of fluids in fixed tanks		59
Maximum Recommended Load (ISO 14946)	$m_{ML}$	781
The boat in the 'empty craft condition' has a mass of	$m_{EC}$	295
Unladen weight (lightcraft) without engine	$m_{LCC}$	335
Weight Fully Laden	$m_{LDC}$	1281

Part of the information is given on the builder's plate affixed on the craft. A full explanation of this information is also given in the relevant sections of this manual.




- 1 Manufacturer's name, registered trade name or registered trademark
- 2 CE marking
- 3 Contact address
- 4 Model name
- 5 Notified body's identification number (if applicable)
- 6 Maximum recommended number of people
- 7 Max Load as on Builder's Plate (kg)
- 8 Heaviest allowable outboard motor (kg)
- 9 Maximum Recommended Power (kW)
- 10 Tubes: Working pressure: (kPa)
- 11 ISO classification of inflatable boat
- 12 Design Category

### 3.2.4 Fixed Tanks

Fuel Tanks	Tank Location	Max. Capacity (L)		Filler Location	Drain Location
Petrol fuel tank	Under Cockpit Floor	Petrol	80	Port fwd side top	No drain

### 3.2.5 Structural Fittings & Materials


	Warning	Attention is drawn to the completion process whereby structural items, for example steering consoles, seats and superstructures, are installed by parties other than the manufacturer of the boat. These items should be installed to comply with the relevant clauses of ISO 6185-4 so it can be ensured that any such installations do not invalidate the original assessment.
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## 4 SYSTEMS DESCRIPTIONS

### 4.1 Bilge pumps

Bilge Pumps are fitted as follows:


Location	Power	Make & Model	Capacity (Litres/min)	Bilge Compartment(s)
Swim platform cavity	Manual	Rule-mate	32	Swim platform cavity

	Warning	The combined capacity of the system is not intended to drain the craft in the case of damage.
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The bilge should always be checked after launch. A small amount of water in the bilge is normal. Large amounts of water or any signs of fuel or oil require immediate investigation. Never pump fuel or oil overboard when your boat is in the water.

Check the function of all bilge pumps at regular intervals. Clear pump inlets from debris. If seacocks are fitted in the fore and aft peak bulkheads, they shall be kept closed and shall only be opened to let water drain into the main bilges.

It is recommended that a bailer/bucket is carried aboard for emergency bailing purposes. Ensure the bucket is protected against accidental loss.

	Warning	Never use flammable solvents (i.e. kerosene) for bilge cleaning, however oily it becomes.
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### 4.2 Electrical System

ALWAYS.....

- Check battery and charging system condition before going to sea
- Disconnect and remove the battery when the craft is in winter storage (cold weather areas) or long term storage

NEVER.....

- Work on the electrical installation while the system is energised;
- Modify the craft's electrical system or relevant drawings: installation, alterations and maintenance should be performed by a competent marine electrical technician;
- Alter or modify the rated current amperage of overcurrent protective devices;
- Install or replace electrical appliances or devices with components exceeding the rated current amperage of the circuit;
- Leave the craft unattended with the electrical system energised, except automatic bilge-pump, fire protection and alarm circuits.

	Danger	Petrol vapour can explode. Only fit ignition protected, marine parts to replace such items as starters, distributors, alternators, generators, etc.
	Warning	Do not use jump leads in the petrol engine/tank space or carry out any activity that could create sparks.
	Warning	Protective terminal covers, such as rubber boots on electrical connections, must be in place at all times except when servicing equipment.

### 4.2.1 DC System

#### Description

The direct current (DC) electrical system derives its power from the series of batteries listed below. The batteries supply the components listed in tables below which show the settings of the overload protection breakers/fuses.

Refer to the wiring diagrams at the back of the manual for further details.

The DC system consists of the following circuits:

Battery Bank	Voltage	Rating	Battery Location	Disconnect Switch
Starter battery	12	85Ah	Under seat	Next to battery

The battery selector switch is located at:                      Near Battery

Main DC Panel Board Location:                                      Helm Dashboard

DC fuses are provided in the various circuits as shown in the following table:

#### 12 V DC System

Circuit	Rating (A)	Protection
Bilge pump	5	Fuse
Spare	10	Fuse

#### DC Fuses



Location of Fuses:    Helm Dashboard

Notice                      The amperage rating is marked on each fuse.

### Removal of Batteries

To remove the battery cables:


- 1 Turn off all items drawing power from the battery.
- 2 Turn the battery switch to the OFF position
- 3 Remove the negative cable first, then the positive cable. To replace the cables, first replace the positive cable, then the negative.

	Caution	Ensure that the battery space is well ventilated at all times.
	Caution	When charging and (dis)connecting a battery ensure that no water or metal objects can contact the terminals.

### Battery Disconnection

Battery selector switch location:           Near Battery  
 Disconnect switch location(s):           See table of batteries on previous page.

Notice                   Batteries should be disconnected when not in use and especially while the boat is unattended.  
 Essential service such as electric bilge pumps are wired directly to the batteries and will run even if the battery disconnect switch is open.

	Caution	Do not disconnect all batteries while the engine is running; alternator and wiring damage could occur.
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### Battery Maintenance

1. Check the fluid levels in the cells (if appropriate for the battery type) approximately every 4 weeks, and weekly in summer and hot zones.
2. The fluid level must be between the lower and upper markings.
3. Replenish only with distilled water. Do not use metal funnel.
4. Coat battery terminal clamps with silicone grease.
5. Keep batteries clean and dry.
6. The life of some battery types is shortened if drained to zero charge. It is recommended that a battery not be discharged more than 50 percent. If the battery does become run down, recharge it as soon as possible.
7. Running the engine to recharge the battery may not be effective. The alternator only creates charging power at higher engine speeds, idling for long periods will not generate enough power to recharge the battery.
8. If you need to charge a battery, use only a battery charger designed to charge automotive/marine batteries. Use charger only when batteries are disconnected from the boat's electrical circuit. Follow the charger instructions.
9. If your boat will not be used for several weeks remove the batteries from the boat and connect them to a charger.

### 4.3 Fuel System







The craft has: Permanently installed  
Petrol fuel system

The following components are supplied by the fuel system:

Item	Number	Location
Engine	1	Outboard

Refer to manufacturer's instructions for details of the above equipment.

For details on tanks, refer to section: 3.2.4

	Warning	Do not smoke or use open flame when filling with fuel, when working on the fuel system and when in the engine room.
	Danger	Never use a flame to check for leaks
	Warning	Inspect fuel lines at least annually. Replace if deterioration or openings are found.
	Caution	All components that burn fuel require an air supply. Ensure all air intakes are clear before fuel burning components are running.
	Danger	Petrol generators and outboard motors can produce dangerously high levels of carbon monoxide, but don't forget, diesel engine exhaust fumes have also been linked to illness and deaths. See section 8.5.1
	Warning	If leakage is detected, have the system repaired before further use. System repairs should be made by a competent person.


### 4.4 Steering System




Notice The boat's steering system has the following components:

Steering Hardware: Wheel  
Turning device: Drive unit  
Mechanism: Hydraulic

The craft is fitted with the following steering position(s):

Primary 1 Description & Location of Helm Positions (taken from 2.4  
2 Helm console

	Caution	Refer to the system manufacturer's documentation for information pertaining to the steering gear.
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 <p>Caution</p>	<p>All components of the steering system must undergo periodic inspection &amp; maintenance to ensure safe operating conditions. Refer to the maintenance section of this manual for further details.</p>
 <p>Warning</p>	<p>Failure of the steering system will cause loss of control of your boat. Any change in steering such as looseness, tightness, binding, etc., must be checked immediately by a qualified person.</p>
 <p>Caution</p>	<p>A kill-chord is provided at the helm so that the engine will cut-out when pulled. The helmsman should connect him/herself to the kill-chord when the engine is running.</p>

## 4.5 Hydraulic System

The craft is fitted with the following hydraulic systems:


Component	Location	Controls	Control Location
Steering (see section 4.4).	Location of Steering Components	Breakers	Helm console
Engine trim	Transom	Rocker switch	Throttle lever

The hydraulic system can be powered by the following sources:

Description	Location	Power Source
Engine trim ram	Within drive unit	Supplied off engine harness

## 5 PRE-LAUNCH OBSERVATIONS






### 5.1 Recommended Safety Equipment

	Caution	The sea can be unpredictable. Be prepared by carrying the following equipment, as a minimum, at all times.
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- 1 Life jacket or buoyancy aid for each person
- 2 Appropriate weatherproof clothing
- 3 Compass
- 4 Charts
- 5 Anchor and line
- 6 At least 2 warps - see section 6.5
- 7 First aid kit including compress and thermal blanket
- 8 Bucket
- 9 Distress flares
- 10 VHF radio
- 11 Binoculars
- 12 Knife in protective sheath
- 13 Drinking water

### 5.2 Risk of Loss of Stability



The stability and buoyancy of this boat has been assessed on the basis of the weights specified in section: 3.2.3

	Caution	Any change in the disposition of the masses aboard (for example, the addition of a fishing tower, a radar, a stowing mast, change of engine, etc.) may significantly affect the stability, trim and performance of the craft
	Warning	When loading the craft, never exceed the maximum recommended load. Always load the craft carefully and distribute loads appropriately to maintain design trim (approximately level). Avoid placing heavy weights high up.
	Caution	Stability can also be adversely affected by sloshing fluid. Bilge water should be kept to a minimum
	Notice	The following comments should be observed when navigating:
	Notice	The stability of the boat is further reduced when bringing your catch on board if you handle fishing rods or nets outboard.




 Warning	Loose equipment can cause damage to the craft and affect stability. Ensure all loose equipment is properly stowed before setting out.
 Caution	The stability of this boat is significantly reduced at speeds above displacement speed.
 Caution	Stability may be reduced when towing or lifting heavy weights using a davit or boom.
 Warning	Towing any thing heavier than a person from wakeboard/sky towers or high ski poles can result in capsize when turning. Heavier items, including inflatable toys, should be towed by a bridle attached to the D Rings on the transom of your vessel.
 Caution	Breaking waves are a serious stability hazard

### 5.3 Risk of Flooding


 Caution	In rough weather, hatches, lockers and companionway/doorways should be closed to minimise the risk of water ingress.
 Caution	Ensure all limber holes are clear

### 5.4 Risk of Fire

Notice Always keep the bilges clean and check for fuel regularly

 Caution	<p>NEVER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• obstruct portable extinguishers in lockers</li> <li>• obstruct safety controls (shut off valves, switches)</li> <li>• modify craft's systems, especially fuel.</li> <li>• fill any fuel tank whilst machinery is running</li> <li>• smoke while handling fuel or gas</li> <li>• use gas lights in craft</li> </ul>
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#### 5.4.1 Fire Fighting Equipment

 Caution	<p>Location and capacity of extinguishers is given below. It is the responsibility of the boat owner/operator to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• check equipment at intervals as stated on equipment,</li> <li>• replace any extinguisher, if used, with one of same rating</li> <li>• inform members of the crew about location and operation of all fire fighting devices</li> </ul>
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#### Portable Extinguishers

Location & Description	Medium	Rating/ Capacity
Under seat with label	Powder	ABE-1.5kg

### 5.4.2 General Good Practice

	Caution	Never block ventilation
	Caution	Never store petrol in an area not designed to store petrol
	Warning	Fuel-burning open-flame appliances consume cabin oxygen and release products of combustion into the craft. Ventilation is required when appliances are in use. Open designated vent openings while appliances are in use. Never obstruct ventilation openings and ensure that flued appliances are operating correctly.

### 5.5 Risk of Falling Overboard

**Notice** The working deck is the area of the boat that is safe for use at all times. Areas outside the specified working deck should only be used whilst leaving or arriving at a mooring or whilst the boat is not underway.

On this boat, the working deck area is defined as:



Within cockpit area only

For maximum weight limit see: 3.2.3


For crew area limits, see section: 5.2

**Notice** In the event of a member of the crew falling overboard they should be recovered using:

Unfold down the ladder from Starboard side swim platform

	Caution	Care should be made to ensure the person being recovered is not pushed under the platform if the vessel is pitching. Consider recovery by use of a dinghy if necessary.
	Warning	Most slips and falls occur during boarding and disembarking. Be aware that wet decks can be slippery. Wear slip resistant footwear at all times.

### 5.6 Grounding - Risks & Actions

	Caution	After any grounding incident, make a visual inspection internally and consider a haul out and external inspection as soon as practical.
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Ensure that any grounding is discussed with an experienced marine professional to determine whether a survey of the area and any repair actions are required.

Ensure that any repairs to the inner hull matrix, keel and hull shell are undertaken by a professional repair yard after consultation with the vessel's manufacturer or designer and a repair specification should be developed by either a surveyor, naval architect, or the original yacht manufacturer.

The easiest way to undertake this is to follow the manufacturer's approved maintenance programme and approved repair facility instructions.

## 6 NAVIGATION & OPERATION

### 6.1 Use of Engines

The craft is fitted with the following motive power:

Engine 4 stroke spark-ignition






Suzuki DF60ATL - any Outboard engine

Propeller part of outboard engine



Notice

Before starting the engine:






- Check the bilge water level.
- Ensure that ventilation openings and ducts are clear to prevent overheating
- Ensure there is sufficient fuel for the anticipated journey - including a margin for contingencies.

 <p>Warning</p>	<p>After starting the engine, ensure the flow of cooling water</p>
<p>Take care not to damage fuel lines and check regularly that they are in good condition</p>	
 <p>Danger</p>	<p>Avoid placing flammable materials on or near hot parts.</p>
 <p>Danger</p>	<p>If a fuel leak or fumes are detected, do not start the engine. Ensure all crew leave the boat and have a qualified person repair the fault as soon as possible.</p>
 <p>Warning</p>	<p>Controls installed with the motor must have a start-in-gear protection device. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure this is so, should the engine or its controls be repaired/replaced.</p>
 <p>Caution</p>	<p>So as to avoid high-speed moving parts, never run a motor with the cover removed.</p>

## 6.2 Handling Characteristics

 <p>Caution</p>	<p>The owner is responsible for ensuring that normal mode of operation is maintained. This means that the speed of the craft needs to be matched to the prevailing sea state and good seamanship shall be displayed.</p>
 <p>Warning</p>	<p>Always use the engine cut-off lanyard.</p>

- Notice            This craft is primarily intended to be supported by a combination of buoyancy and planing forces
- Notice            Maximum engine power:            74 kW            100 hp
- Notice            Maximum speed:                      34 knots            63 km/h
- Notice            Periodic inspection of the propeller for excessive wear or damage is recommended in order to maintain peak performance and to maximise the longevity of the engine.
- Notice            Ensure all crew are informed about the craft's behaviour.
- Notice            Before conducting any rapid acceleration or high-speed manoeuvres, passengers must be warned to sit and hold-on.
- Notice            The helmsman may have to take sharp avoiding action at any time. Passengers should, therefore, be seated and holding-on when underway.

 <p>Warning</p>	<p>Do not operate this craft at negative propulsion unit trim settings (bow down) at high speed: the craft may lean over on its side resulting in instability in turns. Use negative trim to accelerate from displacement to planing speed and reduce speed in choppy water.</p>
 <p>Caution</p>	<p>Seaways are infinitely variable and all craft can meet conditions that will challenge the boats handling characteristics and/or the helmsman's ability. Proceed with a margin for error at all times. Avoid making sharp turns at speed, particularly in a short seaway.</p>
 <p>Caution</p>	<p>It is strongly recommended that helmsmen receive adequate training in boat handling before setting to sea for the first time.</p>
 <p>Caution</p>	<p>Be aware that factors such as altitude, temperature, load, and bottom growth may affect performance.</p>
 <p>Caution</p>	<p>Do not to install engine(s) with power output higher than recommended by the manufacturer as this could cause loss of craft control and result in serious injury or death.</p>

### 6.3 Visibility from the Main Steering Position

Notice Operator vision from the helm can be obstructed by high trim angles of the craft and other factors caused by one or more of the following conditions:

- Propulsion engine trim angles
- Loading and load distribution
- Speed
- Rapid acceleration
- Transition from displacement to planing mode
- Sea conditions
- Rain and spray
- Darkness and fog
- Persons or movable gear in operator's field of vision




The international regulations for preventing collisions at sea (COLREG's) and the rules of the road require that a proper lookout be maintained at all times and observance of right of way. Make certain no other vessels are in the path before proceeding.

### 6.4 Navigation Lights

Notice Night boating requires running lights. The craft is fitted with the following navigation lights:




Light	Mounting position
Port	Port helm console
Stbd	Stbd helm console
All-round white	Pole

The running/navigation lights are controlled at the switch board.

	Caution	Check for proper operation of navigation lights before heading out and carry replacement bulbs for all navigation lights
	Caution	Navigation lights may be marked with expiry dates. Ensure that they are replaced as required.
	Caution	Always replace bulbs with one of the same wattage.


## 6.5 Anchoring, Mooring & Towing

**Notice** It is the owners / operators responsibility to ensure that the mooring lines, towing lines, anchor chains, and anchors are adequate for the vessel's intended use. Owners should also consider what action will be necessary when securing a tow line on board.

	Caution	The breaking strength of lines / chains should not exceed 80% of the breaking strength of the strong point to which it is attached.
	Caution	Always tow or be towed at slow speed. Never exceed the hull speed of a displacement craft when towing or being towed.
	Caution	A tow line shall always be made fast in a way that it can be released when under load.

**Notice** When at anchor, it is damaging to leave the full load of the boat resting on the windlass. It is recommended that the chain be tied onto a local strong point.


## 6.6 Filling With Fuel

	Caution	Never smoke when refuelling, or inspecting or working with the fuel system.
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**Notice** For locations of filler caps, see: 3.2.4

Use the following procedure for filling tanks:

- Splash water over the deck-area around the filler cap - before filling. This will prevent spilled fuel from adhering to the deck surface
- Open the filler cap & start filling the tank.
- Check the contents of the tank by monitoring the tank level indicator
- Don't fill the tank to its maximum: allow for expansion
- Close deck fittings tightly, but don't over-tighten since this will damage the rubber o-rings
- (make an entry in ship's log)




	Caution	Fuel is considered chemical waste. Keep an absorbing cloth close by when filling tanks.
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## 7 MAINTENANCE

Regular inspection and maintenance is an essential activity to ensure the boat's longevity and the crew's safety.

This section includes a generic table which details typical inspection and maintenance intervals. This is not specific to your craft and some sections will not apply.

The necessary frequency of service or maintenance depends upon the environment in which the boat operates. The intervals listed in this section should be viewed as maximums.

 Caution	Modifications that may affect the safety characteristics of the craft should be assessed, executed and documented by competent people.
 Warning	Ensure that consoles or other structures fitted after supplied of the new boat, are installed in accordance with guidance provided by the boat manufacturer.
 Caution	Any change in the disposition of the masses aboard may significantly affect the stability, trim and performance of the boat


**KEY: X - Activity required Y - Activity required by qualified individual**

Item	Required Maintenance/Service	INTERVAL				
		Before Every Use	After First 20 Hours	Every 25* Or 50 Hours	Every 50* Or 100 Hours	Every 6 mnth or Annual
<b>Miscellaneous</b>						
Battery	Check water level	X	X	X		
Navigation Lights	Check working	X				
Bilge Area	Clean & limber holes free					X
Bilge drain plug	Installed and tight	X				
Zinc anodes	Check and replace	As needed				
Hull	Check for loose, damaged or missing parts	Whenever out of the water and always after striking an object				
<b>Controls</b>						
Steering	Check for proper operation					Y
Throttle	Lubricate. Include all shift linkage and pivot points		X		X	X
<b>Electrical</b>						
Connections	Check for looseness					Y
<b>Engine</b>						
Alarm	Check	X				
Cooling System	Check for leaks with engine running	X				
Crank vent system	Clean		X		X	
Drive belts	Check for wear	X				
Flame Arrestor	Clean		X		X	
Fuel Filter	Replace				X	
Mounts (Fasteners)	Tighten		X			X
Oil and Filter	Replace				X	X
Oil Level	Check	X				
Propeller	Inspect for damage	Always after striking object				
<b>Fuel System</b>						
Connections & Lines	Check for leaks & wear	X	X	X		
Tanks	Check for leaks & tightness of connections	X	X	X		
<b>Exterior</b>						
Non-metallic strong points	Inspect and replace if signs of deterioration, visible surface cracks or permanent deformation.					X
Topside & Fittings	Check for loose, damaged or missing parts					X
Closing appliances	Installed and tight	X				




## 7.1 Maintenance & Storage of Tubes

For details of the tube arrangement, see: 3.2.4

 <p>Caution</p>	<p>The tubes are made of a material that will deteriorate when stored in strong direct sunlight for prolonged period.</p>
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Always store the boat inside, away from harmful ultra-violet rays.

UV protection waxes are recommended to prolong the life of the tubes and to preserve their colour.


 <p>Caution</p>	<p>Certain liquids, such as (battery) acids, oil and petrol can be corrosive to the tube material.</p>
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Rinse-off, immediately, any liquid other than water that comes into contact with the tubes.

## 7.2 Maintaining the Electrical System

 <p>Warning</p>	<p>Work on electrical wiring can create shock hazards or sparks.</p>
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Always disconnect power sources and shut off battery switch, breakers and/or pull fuses before checking electrical wiring or connectors.

 <p>Caution</p>	<p>To prevent arcing or damage to the alternator, always disconnect battery cables before doing any work on the engine's electrical system.</p>
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 <p>Caution</p>	<p>Power feeds for accessory equipment must not be taken from the voltmeter terminals.</p>
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Notice

Check all wiring for proper support.

Check all wiring insulation for signs of fraying or chafing.

Check all terminals for corrosion - corroded terminals and connectors should be replaced or thoroughly cleaned.

Tighten all terminals securely and spray them with light marine preservative oil.

## 7.3 Winter Storage

Your boat and the systems and fittings on board can be damaged if they are not properly prepared for the winter.

You should refer to the advice given in the various handbooks supplied with this manual.

In addition to this you should, for example, consider the following:

- Remove, charge and store the batteries in a warm & dry ventilated place
- Grease the appropriate steering gear components
- Ensure the engine cooling water has the correct proportion of anti-freeze
- Take away any removable delicate on board electrics and electronics
- Check and protect all the systems on the boat
- Remove all water from the craft and protect it from rain
- Ensure deck drains are clear
- Check the sacrificial anodes and replace as necessary


## 8 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

The previous sections of this manual provide information on how to protect the boat and its crew from the environment. This section gives information on how the environment may be protected from the boat and its crew.

The environment should be understood as including one's neighbours as well as the world of plants and animals.

In many regions of the world, there are strictly enforced regulations regarding environmental protection. It is the responsibility of the owner/operator to be aware of applicable regulations and to ensure compliance with them. (MARPOL)

## 8.1 Leakage of Petrochemicals

	Warning	Any oil must be treated as chemical waste.
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ALWAYS: Investigate the source of any oil leaks as soon as possible.

Dispose of recovered spilt oil correctly.


Have oil-absorbing cloths or rolls on board.

NEVER: Dispose overboard of any oil, paint or other chemical that is potentially harmful to the environment. Sanctions are in place in most parts of the world for those who disregard this rule!

## 8.2 Black & Grey Water

	Warning	<p>The discharge of effluent into navigable waters is forbidden by law in many areas. If such discharge causes a film or sheen upon or a discoloration of the surface of the water or causes a sludge or emulsion beneath the surface of the water, violators may be subject to a penalty. It is the responsibility of the boat user to ensure that they are aware of local legislation regarding discharge</p>
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## 8.3 Household Waste

	Warning	When at sea for periods longer than space allows onboard storage of waste, only jettison organic waste.
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ALWAYS Retain any household waste until it can be properly disposed of ashore.

## 8.4 Noise

NEVER Make excessive noise. Most people take to the water for relaxation which is ruined by noise.

Run the engine or generator unnecessarily.

## 8.5 Exhaust system


ALWAYS Have the engine & exhaust system inspected & cleaned by a qualified professional at regular intervals.

Inspect the exhaust system to ensure connections are secure.

Check the free flow of exhaust gasses through the silencer (muffler) to ensure that it is unblocked, every time you set out.

Stop if you have any doubts about the exhaust system.

### 8.5.1 Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

	Danger	When carbon-based, appliance and engine fuels, such as gas, LPG, coal, wood, paraffin, oil, petrol and diesel don't burn completely, CO is produced.
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**CO build-up in the cabin can occur with one or a mix of these factors:**






- 1 Faulty, badly maintained or misused appliances
- 2 Exhaust fumes from a boat's engine or generator
- 3 Escaped flue gases from solid fuel stoves
- 4 Blocked ventilation or short supply of air - fuel needs oxygen to burn safely

**Know the danger signs on your boat:**

Routine checking that your boat's fuel-burning appliances and engines are free from signs of problems and in good condition will help keep you safe.


**Any of the following could be signs that CO is filling your boat:**

- 1 Staining, sooty smears, or discolouration on surfaces around an appliance or its flue
- 2 Appliances that are difficult to light, keep lit or burn weakly • Burners with yellow or orange or 'floppy' flames that threaten to go out
- 3 Burners with yellow or orange or 'floppy' flames that threaten to go out
- 4 An unfamiliar or burning smell when an LPG or oil appliance is on
- 5 Smelling or seeing smoke escaping regularly into the cabin when running your wood-burner or coal stove
- 6 Smelling engine exhaust fumes regularly inside the cockpit or cabin

	Caution	Check the boat's exhaust system routinely. Inspect every part for leaks or problems including; manifolds, pipes, joints, hoses, clamps, silencers, and through-hull fittings.
	Warning	Do not install or fix a portable generator inside any accommodation space.
	Caution	Proprietary conversion kits must be used if adapting a portable generator to fixed use.
	Danger	Inefficient petrol engine performance, running the engine cooler than its design temperature or using contaminated or stale fuel, can increase the concentration of CO in exhaust fumes.
	Danger	Whether the boat is moving or moored, under certain running and or wind conditions CO at dangerous levels can be deflected or drawn in from engine exhausts.
	Notice	Be a good neighbour; see if you can avoid running your engine when moored in a crowded marina, particularly when the air is still.

## 8.6 Wash / Waves

**ALWAYS** Adapt your speed to the water in which you are navigating. Consider the comfort and safety of other (particularly small) boats around you.

	Caution	Be aware that in some areas speed restrictions are in place to avoid erosion of banks/coastline.
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