



PHOSC DECK RIGGING ETIQUETTE

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Due to the high usage of the rigging deck during race days the following is a guide in order to maximise deck usage, reduce frustration and provide a more efficient flow of boats from the sheds to the water and back into the sheds. It is hoped that these ground rules will provide clarity for all members on how to operate co-operatively on the deck with other sailors, allowing easier, quicker and a hassle-free system of launching your boat in order to minimise any chance of delaying race starts of all classes.

Basically, its common sense and courtesy, however as a reminder here are our guidelines:

- NS14's rigging area (and others stored in the Northern sheds) is traditionally on the Northern deck and immediately in front of the northern sheds, though Herons & others are now also stored in the North shed
- Heron rigging area (and others stored in the Southern sheds) is predominately in front of the Southern shed doors extending to the ramp area and the area in front of the support RIB storage area roller door
- BIC's / Opti's / F11's & MJ's are generally rigged on the Southern or Northern outer deck areas
- First boats out of the sheds should be placed away from the shed doors, within your designated rigging area, so that other boats can be removed from their racks without hindrance
- Boats removed from sheds that are not being used for the day should be re-racked to provide more deck space. Please exercise extreme care when moving other people's boats if the owners are not present
- When moving shed doors two people should assist, be aware of potential finger jam areas and of other sailors when the doors are moving
- Face boats into prevailing winds, and parallel to each other to maximise deck space
- The rigging area can be dangerous, please be vigilant when erecting/dropping masts (ask for assistance if required) and be aware of gaps between the pontoon ramp and the concrete deck
- Be mindful that if you're boat is nearer the ramp or potentially blocking the ramp, then you should launch early so as not to delay other boats for the race start
- Your boat should be fully prepped and ready to enter the water before getting onto the timber ramp
- Launch earlier and get some pre-start practice in, rather than later to avoid congestion on the ramp and to allow the next class uninhibited access to the launch area
- Empty deck trolleys should be parked in your applicable class area (because that's where people assisting you to retrieve your boat will be looking for your deck trolley)
- Deck trolleys should be clearly marked with your sail number and boat name to avoid confusion from the shore crew on your return (if you need a trolly tag ask Sharyn Roberts)
- Be ready to assist any class of boat to launch or be retrieved if you are on deck
- If you are inadvertently delayed from leaving the pontoon when launched, please move your vessel to either end of the pontoon so that other boats can continue to launch whilst you rectify the problem.
- When returning to the jetty if there are several boats waiting, its generally who arrived back first has priority, however please take into account the needs of our junior crews or less experienced sailors that may prefer to exit the water earlier
- When returning to the jetty prepare your boat for exiting the water on the way to the pontoon, come in against the breeze and signal the deck for assistance if no one is waiting (exit the pontoon & ramp ASAP)
- Please unrig and re rack your boat promptly following a race, (flogging mainsails & booms are a danger) whilst keeping an eye out for returning boats that will need assistance at the pontoon
- The club RIB should be moved into its launch position (adjacent the davit) early, before the deck gets too congested. Minimum of 2 people are required to move the RIB (with at least one experienced person)
- Assistance to retrieve, wash and stow the support RIB's is required at the end of the day (at least ask if you can help out).

If any doubt exists, or there is a situation that needs correcting, please approach your class delegate, Commodore, Vice Commodore, rear Commodore or any committee member to clarify your question.