

OPERATING PROCEDURE No. 10

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HAWK 20 (Equaliser) PREPARATION

PURPOSE

This procedure provides guidance on rigging and securing Equaliser, our Hawk 20. It should be read by all Keel Boat skippers and crews.

PROCEDURE

Collect radio and Safety box from Blue Container.

Collect Engine Battery

Proceed to centre pontoon

Check fuel.

Take engine from locker and fit in position

Lower engine, run usual engine checks.

Check engine and controller are synchronised

Lower rudder carefully – it is heavy.

Lower keel carefully and secure line which holds it down.

Remove boom cover.

Tighten lazy jacks enough that they are not dangling and are supporting mainsail from flopping into boat.

After motoring to shore pontoon to collect passengers, motor into sailing area and prepare boat for sailing.

Attach halyards to main and check sheet free to run.

Hoist Main. Reef if appropriate for conditions.

Take tension off topping lift.

Unfurl jib by releasing furling line and pulling on jib sheet.

Engine can be raised when sailing.

When lowering mainsail in preparation for motoring, lazy jacks will capture it and prevent it flopping into boat.