

News from the ICCSA Raft Maintenance Committee - 2010

GOOD NEWS: we had minimal loss and damage on the raft last summer. Thanks to the race chairs for consistently leaving the raft “ship shape.”

When you serve on the Race Committee this season, please keep the following in mind:

BUOYS (at \$700 each, let’s treat them kindly!!)

Avoid over-inflating the buoys. The heat of the sun greatly expands the air inside. If you inflate the buoys before using them, please let a corresponding amount of air out when you store the raft.

Remove the buoys from and place them into the water using the WHITE ROPE on the side of each buoy.

Double hook the anchors and lines.

USE THE RING!! The top anchor and the line for the bottom anchor must both be attached to the RING that gathers the orange straps at the bottom of each buoy. If you do not attach them to the buoy at this RING, the buoys may not stand up properly in the water.

When the raft is moored, cover the buoys with the tarp to avoid damage to them from prolonged exposure to ultraviolet rays and to protect them from potential wind damage.

INFORMATION BOARDS

Most of the boards describing the type of race contain information on BOTH front and back. The four boards are labeled:

<u>Front</u>	<u>Back</u>
• Olympic	(blank)
• Modified 2 Lap	Modified 3 Lap
• 2 Lap	3 Lap
• 1 Lap	1 Lap & 1 Leg (Both these races are usable <u>only</u> in the Regatta.)

Party Board: The board for designating the location of the party (headed “PARTY AT:”) slides into a slot at the back of the raft.

Blank Board: A blank sign board is available for rarely used messages such as “short delay; start at 2:45” or “regatta registrations due today”. This board can be hung from the railing at the back of the raft. This blank sign board is stored under the bench seat at the table.

GENERAL

The combination to the storage box lock has not changed; it is available from Larry Loy. After setting the number, **push in** and then pull out on the lock to open it.

After races are completed, please leave the lines for the starting sequence flags in the “up” position so the shock cord doesn’t get stretched.

Store supplies and equipment in their designated locations so the next Race Committee can easily find them.

A plastic pocket folder labeled “Race and Raft Resources” is located in the storage box. It contains a wealth of information for the Race and Raft Committees. Included is Appendix B of the By-Laws which details raft set-up and shut-down procedures.

If anything on the raft is broken, inoperative, missing, or in short supply, promptly inform the raft maintenance chair so the raft can be made ready for the next Race Committee. Contact raft maintenance chair Larry Loy at 260-705-4566 or by e-mail at lloy@locl.net.