SERC RIGID INFLATABLE BOAT PILOT CHECK-LIST
(BECAUSE WE CARE)

PRE-LAUNCH

- Rig and load RIB
  - Sign boats out in log book
  - Check motor log for mechanical problems and select accordingly
  - Push in RIB bailer plug
  - Inflate boat as necessary
  - Motor – confirm it’s secured
  - Fuel cell (check that cell is full; consider a second for long swims)
  - Extra fuel line
  - 1 PFD for each potential swimmer in your RIB
  - 1 Type IV throwable float
  - 2-4 wool blankets
  - Bailer and sponge
  - Flag
  - Horn
  - Running light if pre-dawn or post-dusk
  - Three radios for lead pilot; at least one, preferably two, for others

- Bring your personal equipment
  - Your life vest and cap
  - Headlamp or flashlight
  - Sunglasses
  - Mobile phone, preferably in a waterproof case
  - Pocket knife
  - Warm liquids in the winter
  - Compass and whistle (optional)
  - GU packets (optional)
  - Binoculars (optional)
  - Extra cap and scarf for cold swimmers (optional)

PRE-LAUNCH (continued)

- Phone in to Vessel Traffic (415-556-2760; 415-399-7409). Be prepared to report:
  - Your name and phone number
  - Exact departure and end points of swim (Preface pier numbers with “SF Pier __”)
  - Number of swimmers
  - Name of committee boat: “South End Zodiac” unless already taken
  - Estimated time of jump
  - Estimated time of completion
  - Radio channels monitoring (13 and 14) and working (typically 69; could be 71 if 69 is taken)
  - Verify swimmer count

- Radio check with other RIB’s

POST-LAUNCH

- Verify final swimmer count
- Radio VTS
- Flag up after jump

POST-SWIM

- Radio swim completion to VTS, with thanks
- Confirm all swimmers are in -- review swimmer list check-offs
- Clean-up
  - Empty RIB and re-stow contents
  - Flush engine
  - Rinse hull and interior (optional to chamois-dry)
  - Remove and store motor as appropriate
  - Sign in boat
  - Log any mechanical problems