



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
 - Mount motor – confirm it's secured
 - Fuel cell and line (check that cell is full; consider a second for long swims)
 - Extra fuel line (pre-test primer bulb on both)
 - 1 PFD for each potential swimmer in your RIB
 - 1 Type IV throwable float
 - 2-4 wool blankets
 - Bailer and sponge
 - Flag and horn
 - Throw rope (optional)
 - 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 (optional)
 - Warm liquids in the winter
 - Compass and whistle (optional)
 - GU packets (optional)
 - Binoculars (optional)
 - Extra cap and scarf for cold swimmers (optional)
- 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 pilots

POST-LAUNCH

- Verify final swimmer count
- Radio VTS just before jump
- 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