

SELSEY MODEL BOAT CLUB

Steering Competition Rules

Objective; To demonstrate skill in steering your boat around a set course, which will include leaving the dock (from stationary) and berthing alongside at the same dock at the end of the run. Points will be awarded for each manoeuvre throughout the course.

Rules;

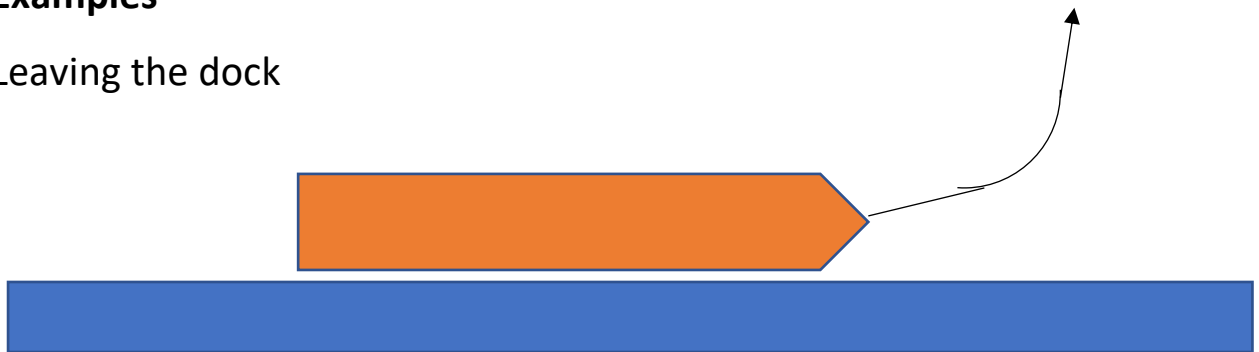
1. The competition is open to any type of powered vessel, including an auxiliary sailing vessel.
2. Boats can have any number of motors.
3. Boats can be of any hull shape, including planing, launch type or displacement.
4. There is no time limit.
5. Models with rudder-throttle mixing and/or stern or bow thrusters will be handicapped (i.e. have points deducted from their score).
6. Points will be awarded for each of three phases of the run. Leaving the dock; Steering around the set course of buoys; Berthing alongside the dock.
7. Skippers may place their boat in any direction alongside the dock in preparation to departure. (E.G they may proceed either forward or in reverse)
8. Once the dock has been left, points will be awarded for setting and maintaining the most direct and straight course to the first mark. Allowance will need to be made for any offset caused by the wind.
9. At the first mark, points will be awarded for steering a consistent rounding course such that the radius of the turn should not change throughout the manoeuvre.

10. Points will continue to be awarded for the same criteria as the boat proceeds to all the subsequent marks.

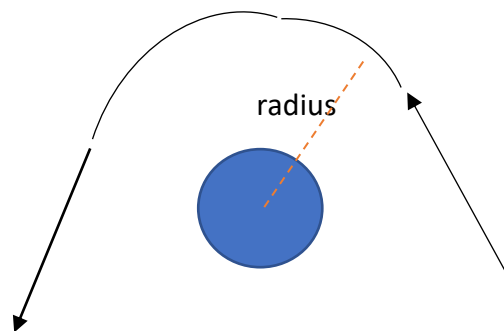
11. Finally, the vessel will come alongside the dock to a complete stop, ending up as close as possible and parallel to the dock. Boats may berth either bow or stern first.

Examples

Leaving the dock



Rounding a mark



Coming alongside

