

Taking out a Cal Sailing Dinghy – Quests, JY-15s, and Ventures

When you arrive at the Club

1. Select the boat you want
2. Check in with the Day Leader (who can check the Dinghy Log, sign out the boat, and inform you of any sailing restrictions, early dock time, etc.)

Boat Inspection

1. Pull boat out enough to be able to walk around it
2. Remove sail covers and store properly on dinghy shed
3. Move boat outside of yard to do inspection (Reopen Procedures allow only a few people in the yard at the same time)
4. Check for paddle
5. Check anchor:
 - a. Rigged properly
 - b. Line not tied in a knot
 - c. Line secured to the boat (how and where depends on boat type)
 - d. Anchor, line, and chain secured so anchor will not deploy itself in a capsize
6. Find and check all hardware holding the boat together and preventing pins from coming out. May be cotter pin, cotter ring, locking nut, or shackle.
7. Tension forestay (where and how depends on boat type)
8. Quest only: attach rudder, including cotter ring
9. Walk around boat
 - a. Bow line secured are the bow bumpers secure
 - b. Mast head float secured, not cocked at angle
 - c. Spreaders attached solidly to mast, they should have a matching very slight upward angle, not bent.
 - d. Stopper knot at end of jib sheet unless jib sheets tied together for single-handing
 - e. Hiking straps secured
 - f. Reefing line and outhaul rigged at end of boom
 - g. Tiller extension securely attached, universal not cracked
 - h. Check sails for damage due to wear or general abuse. (anywhere there is a seam, or the cringles in the luff, the mylar windows, : on the main specifically the bolt rope particularly around reinforcing for battens, are the battens broken, or missing, is there damage to the batten pocket)
 - i. Are the lines chafed or worn? If you can see through the outer part to the white inner part the line needs to be replaced.
 - j. Are the blocks damaged?
 - k. Are the shrouds or forestay kinked or unraveling, look up to the top of the wire.
10. Drain bilge and insert plug(s)
 - a. Quest: one plug on transom
 - b. JY-15: two plugs on transom
 - c. Venture: one plug on transom and one on each side of cockpit at lowest point

Before raising the mainsail

1. Untie mainsheet from around rolled sail
2. Loosen mainsheet completely and make sure each section of the fall is about the same length
3. Loosen the Cunningham, outhaul, vang, and reefing line (double check forestay tension).
4. Attach the halyard, making sure it runs clear

Before leaving the dock

1. Centerboard down (as much as it can without dragging in the mud)
2. Rudder down (as much as it can without dragging in the mud) -- also check drain plug.
3. Jib furling line pulled completely loose through cleat