

Power Boat: Boat Crew Procedures

Set up for success

Always be ready for a power failure. Make sure at least two paddles are in the boat. One or more throw bags should be clipped in a ready position. Crew communications should be constant and clear. Powering upstream (positive attitude) gives the most control.

Operations

Maneuvering with power is a crucial skill on moving water and surf. The boat operator must communicate constantly with crew to achieve safe, coordinated navigation.

A command for a hard right turn requires that the crew lean hard right into the turn. **Coordinated weight shift is essential.** Always lean downstream when turning.

Operator duties

- Control the motor and navigate the boat
- Communicate commands to the crew

Rescuer duties

- Utilize weight shift on command to assist with maneuvering
- Work with the bowman to bring victims into the boat

Bowman duties

- Utilize weight shift on command to assist with maneuvering
- Act as spotter to advise operator of hazards and may give a "No Go" command to signal an abort of a planned maneuver
- Work with the rescuer to bring victims into the boat
- Always point positive (towards where you want to go)

