



MKRC Boat Maintenance Check List

Bow Ball

Test the bow ball to ensure it is firmly attached. Remember the bow balls is there primarily to protect other people, so you have a clear 'duty of care' to make sure that your bow ball is fit for purpose.

Shoes

Perform a visual check of the general condition of the shoes stretcher etc. Taking each shoe in turn:

- Check that its restraint is independent of the other shoe
- Holding the shoe underneath the heel, give it a sharp tug upwards (simply lifting it gently is not sufficient) and check the restraint holds firm
- Confirm that the heel does not rise above the lowest fixing point on the shoe.

Buoyancy

Perform a visual check – look for any obvious cracks or holes, missing hatch covers or bungs. Check that each hatch cover or bung fits properly.

Seats

Make sure they are running freely and that there are no sharp edges at the end of the runners that could damage your legs while rowing.

Riggers and Gates

Check all nuts and bolts are tight (do not overtighten), and check riggers and gates for damage.

Steering

Check that the steering cable (where fitted) is running freely and that there is no sign of wear on the cable. Make sure the rudder and fin are not bent.

If you do find any damage on the boat, please report it to the maintenance team for repair.