



PRACTICAL TEST

PRACTICAL TEST: TYING OF RUDDER



Seagull type boats
2 vertical rudder posts

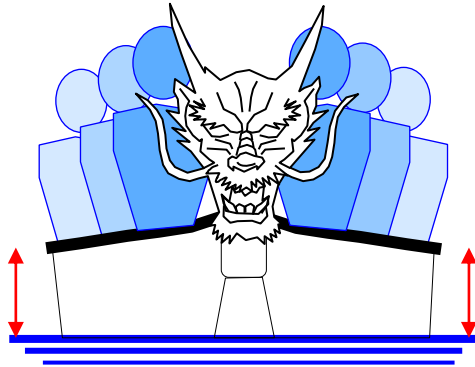


Champion, Rui, BuK, Peisheng type boats
U-ring rudder post

1. For the Seagull racing boats, it is a safety requirement that the rudder is tied down to prevent the rudder accidentally lifting off the rudder post

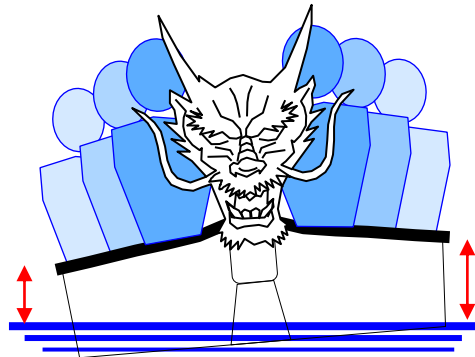
Tying of Rudder with 1-sided rope	https://youtu.be/3FOa-TSPtQ4
Tying of Rudder with 2-sided rope	https://youtu.be/4R4jIzQe0ck
Rudder not tied properly	https://youtu.be/lsJ-T7qBAnE

PRACTICAL TEST: BOAT ON EVEN KEEL



EVEN KEEL

- The boat is balance and sitting upright
- Both freeboard are equal height above the water

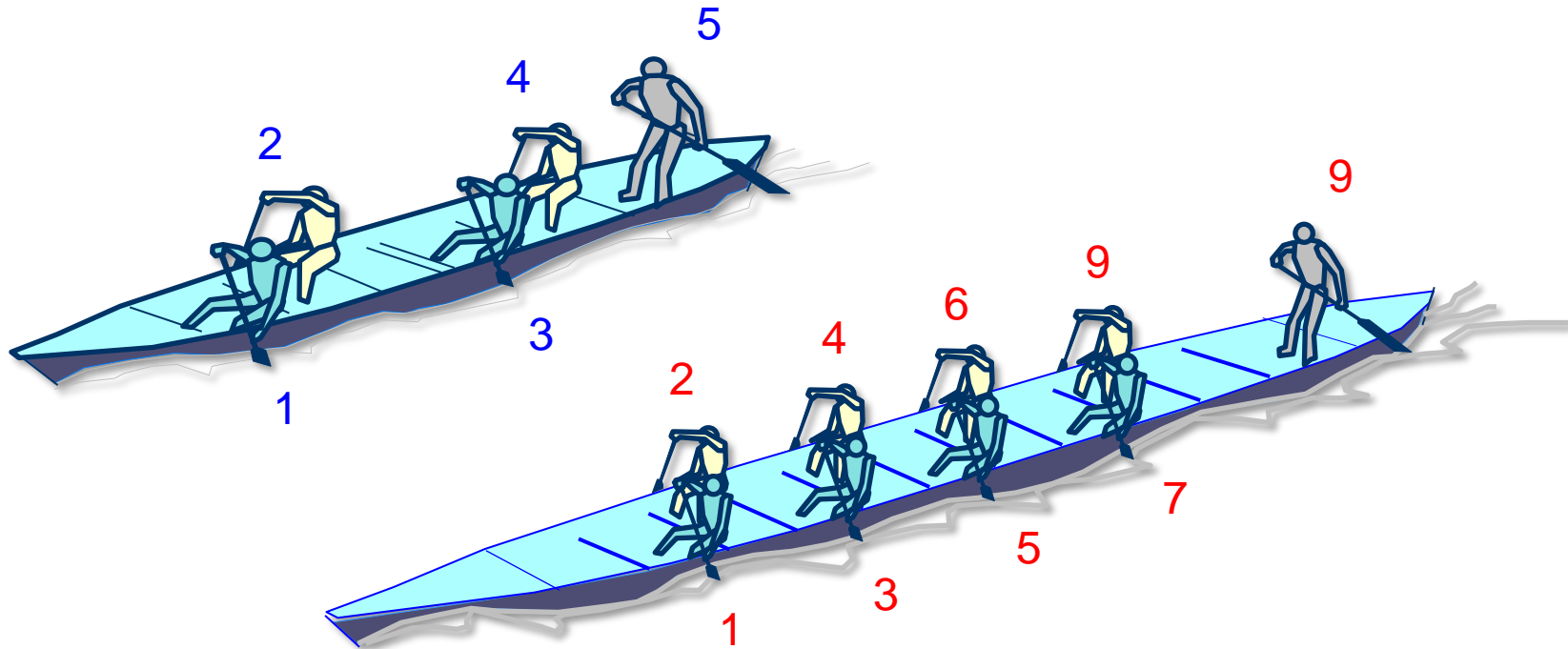


UNEVEN KEEL

- The boat is not balance and listing to one side
- Both freeboards are not equal height above the water

1. Make sure the boat is on even keel before departing from pontoon
2. Change the paddlers' seating arrangement to balance the boat if necessary
3. The Helm will also need to adjust his standing position to further balance the boat

PRACTICAL TEST: HEADCOUNT



1. Know how many people there are inside the boat
2. Assign numbers to the crew as part of Capsize Drill
3. The Helm is always grouped with the last paddling pair
4. One side odd numbers ; one side even numbers

PRACTICAL TEST: REVERSING



1. Back down the boat from the pontoon without hitting the pontoon (**IMMEDIATE FAILURE!**)
2. Back off by more than 1 boat length from the pontoon
3. The boat must not hit any other vessel or structure while backing down (**IMMEDIATE FAILURE!**)
4. Once sufficient distance obtained, then the boat can be turned to face into direction of travel

How to reverse, sweep turn and straight run

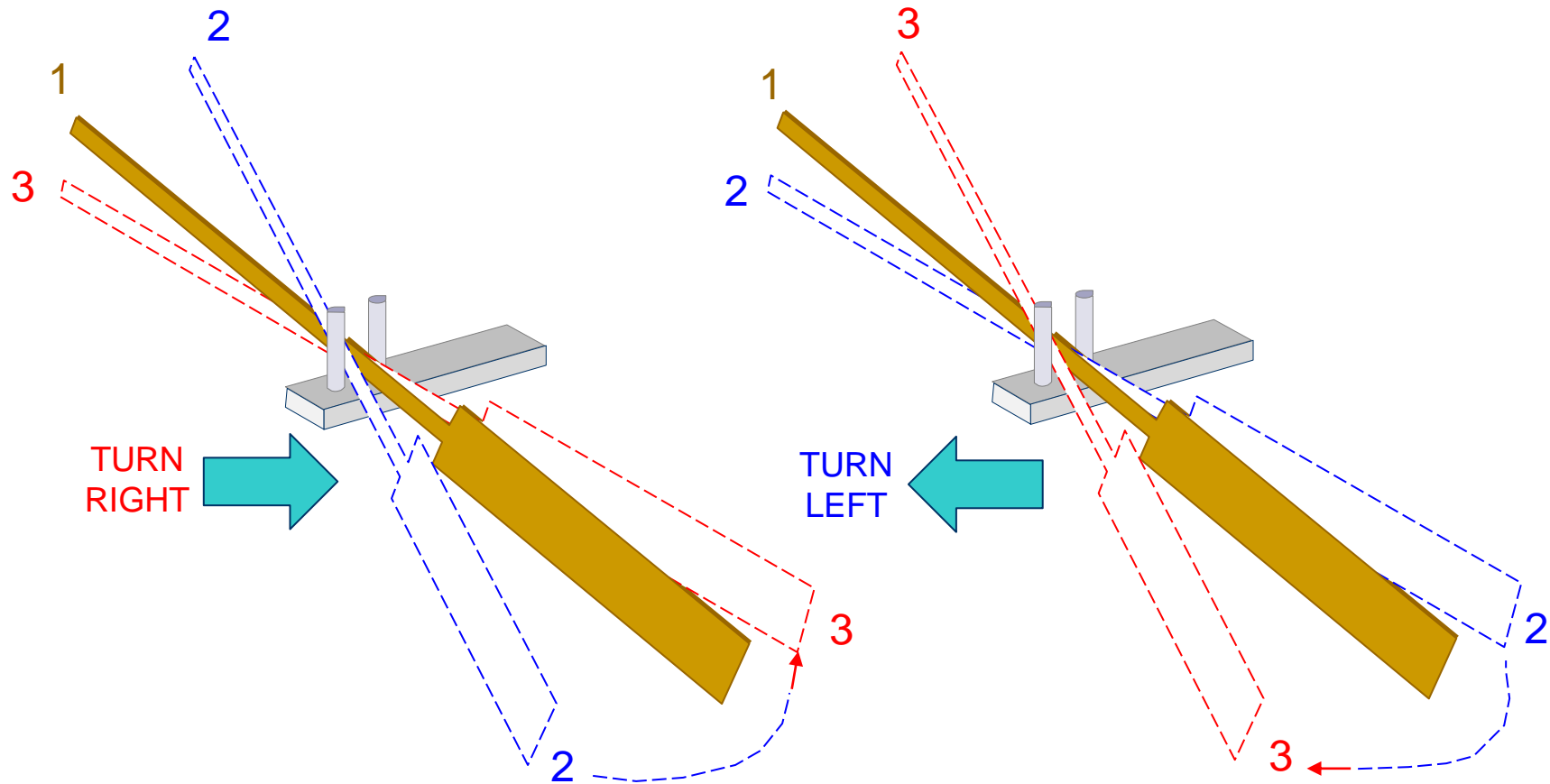
<https://youtu.be/Snl8dskvSSU>

PRACTICAL TEST: CLEAR & LOUD COMMANDS



1. Know what are the common commands
2. Issue them in a clear and loud voice
3. The front seaters must be able to hear the command
4. If necessary, arranged for the crew to echo the command

PRACTICAL TEST: STEADY SWEEP STROKES



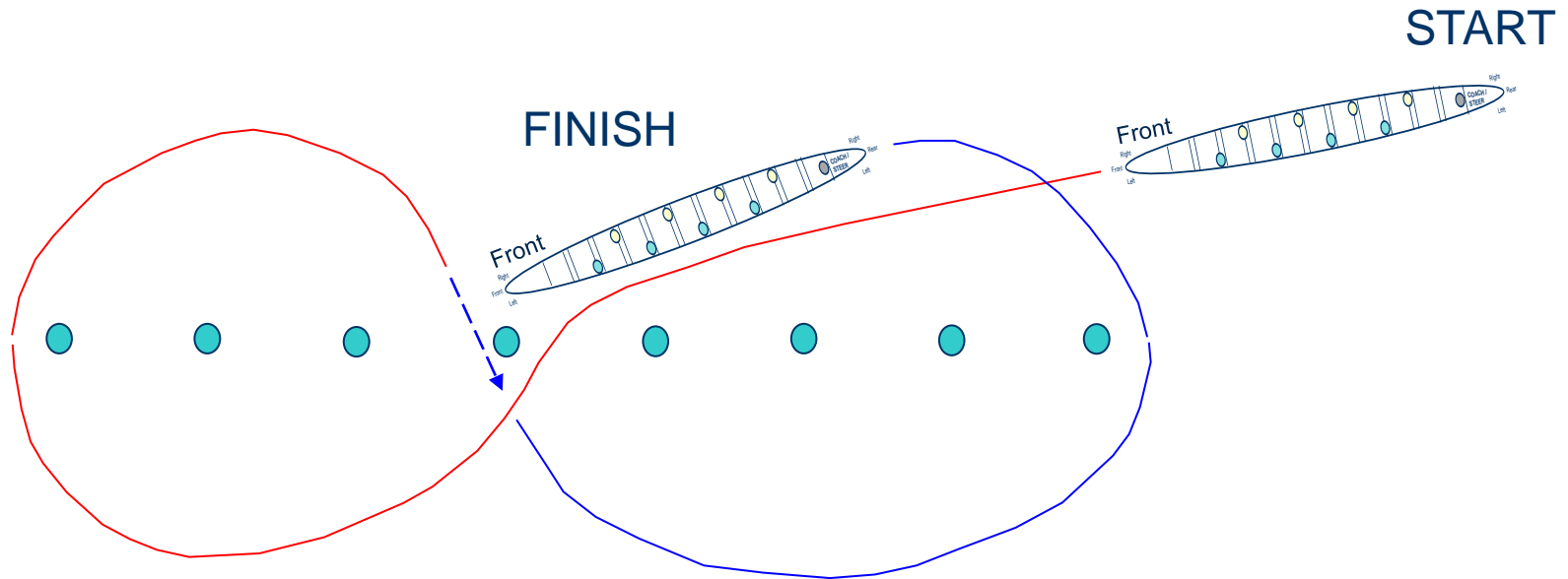
1. Sweep strokes are essential for turning the boat
2. To turn boat left, rudder motion is from Left to Right
3. To turn boat right, rudder motion is from Right to Left

PRACTICAL TEST: HOLD STRAIGHT & STEADY



1. Hold straight & steady for 150m
2. Boat must not be drifting to the left or right
3. Boat must not be rocking or rolling

PRACTICAL TEST: FIGURE OF 8

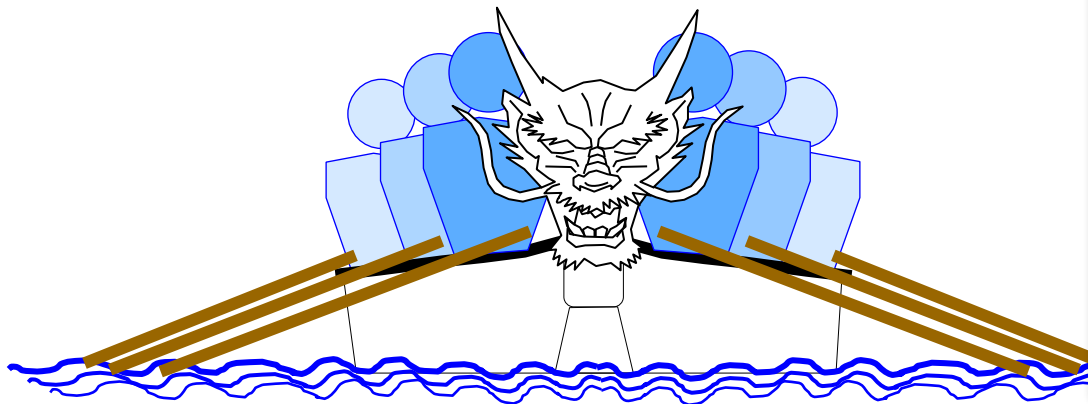
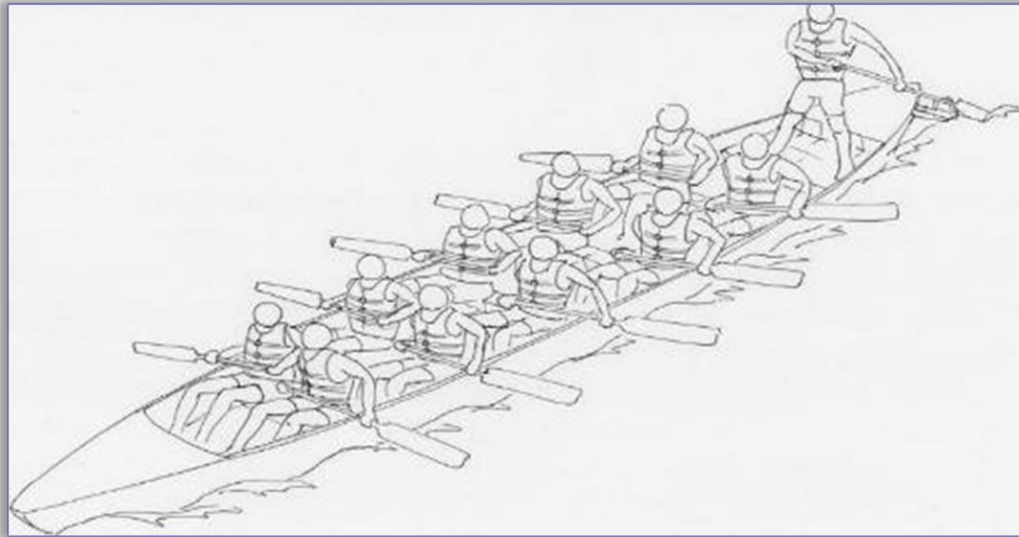


1. Use sweep strokes to conduct the turns
2. Helm must maintain balance and stability while executing the turns

How to do Figure-of-8

<https://youtu.be/RXCBcw3BBcE>

PRACTICAL TEST: BRACE COMMAND



When to Do?

When boat is rocking such as immediately after a rudder-sweep turn (i.e. sudden change of direction, etc.)

Brace after coming out from Turn

https://youtu.be/jW_oiYkHyR4

Passage through wake caused by power boat or other dragon boats

Brace because of strong wake

<https://youtu.be/uz8oQ0fVgsw>

Strong winds or wave that causes boat to roll

1. Place paddles with blade flat on the water
2. Useful for stabilizing boat when encountering choppy water

PRACTICAL TEST: HOLD WATER HARD



When to Do?

When approaching
pontoon to dock

OR

Obstruction in front of
you

1. Place paddles with blades facing forward inside the water
2. “Emergency Stop”

PRACTICAL TEST: DOCKING



1. Docking of boat to the pontoon
2. Apply necessary speed for adequate steerage control
3. Must not hit pontoon **(IMMEDIATE FAILURE!)**

PRACTICAL TEST: DOCKING 'A'



Empty pontoon bay

Immediate Failure!

1. Hard knock into the pontoon or other boats
2. Audible knock (i.e. can hear the knock) into pontoon or other boats
3. No safety control (i.e. paddler hit by boat, pontoon edge, etc.)
4. Did not slow down when docking
5. Steer fall into the boat or water



PRACTICAL TEST: DOCKING 'B'



With boat in pontoon bay

Immediate Failure!

1. Hard knock into the pontoon or other boats
2. Audible knock (i.e. can hear the knock) into pontoon or other boats
3. No safety control (i.e. paddler hit by boat, pontoon edge, etc.)
4. Did not slow down when docking
5. Steer fall into the boat or water



PRACTICAL TEST: DOCKING 'C', 'D' & 'E'



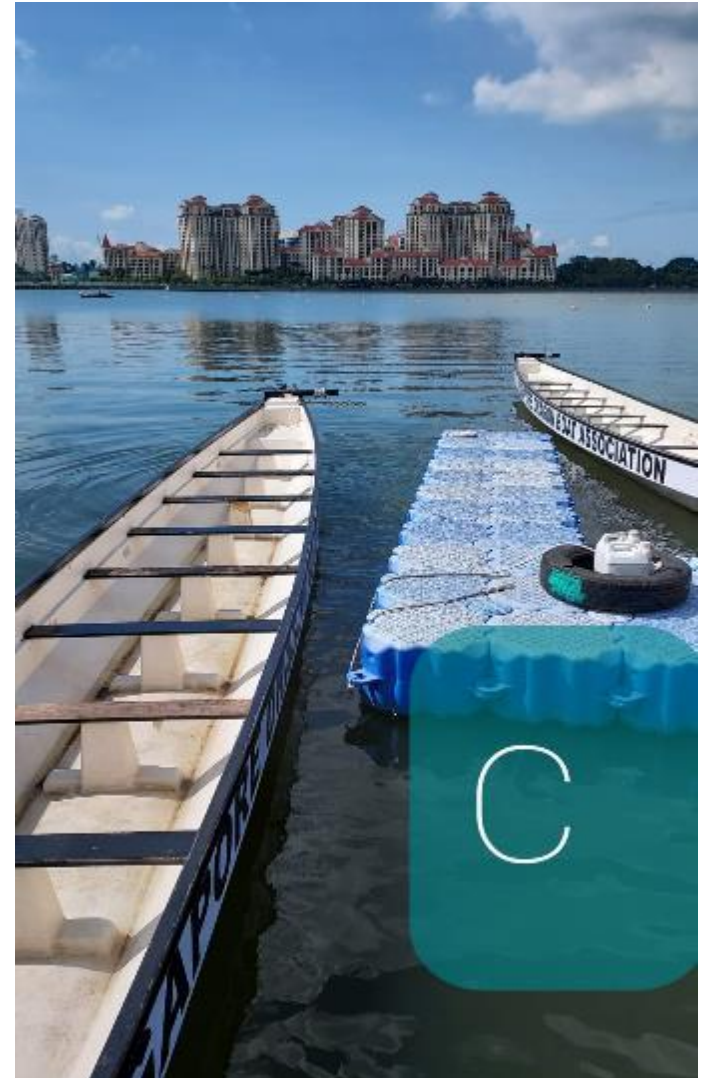
C – Alongside pontoon (left side of boat)

D – Alongside pontoon (with obstacle in front)

E – alongside pontoon (right side of boat)

Immediate Failure!

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3. No safety control (i.e. paddler hit by boat, pontoon edge, etc.)
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BE SAFE !