

	ROYAL VICTORIA YACHT CLUB		
	STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE		
Use of Club Power Washer			
Procedure No	04	Supersedes	None
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1.0 Purpose

1.1 To establish guidelines for the use of the Club owned Power Washer.

2.0 Application

2.1 Applies to Club members intending to use the Club owned Power Washer.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 The Power Washer is the petrol engined power washer housed in the grey wooden box on the jetty.

4.0 Associated Materials

4.1 Risk Assessment - Power Washer

5.0 Procedure

5.1 SET UP/START

5.1.1 Ensure suitable safety equipment is being worn. The jet from the power washer is extremely powerful and will seriously damage unprotected eyes or skin.

5.1.1.1 Eye protection

5.1.1.2 Gloves

5.1.1.3 Water proof overalls

5.1.2 Remove the power washer from the storage box (padlock combination is the same as the fuel lockers).

5.1.3 Check fuel level and top up if required (normal petrol - NOT TWO STROKE).

5.1.4 Connect water hose to the valve and turn on water.

5.1.5 Check that water flows through pump and lance by activating trigger on the lance then turn water off to ease starting.

5.1.6 Apply full choke and full throttle and start engine.

5.1.7 Put choke back to 'run' reduce throttle and turn water on again.

5.1.8 Ensure hoses are not kinked.

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5.2 OPERATE

- 5.2.1 The power washer lance has two settings : wide low power jet and narrow high power jet. In order to change from one to the other, lay the lance head on the deck and rap it sharply on the ground to move the ball to the alternative setting. If this does not change the setting turn the lance over and rap the head again.
- 5.2.1. Start with the low power jet.
- 5.2.3. Ensure that all hoses are free of kinks, are away from the path to the pontoon and that there is no one standing where they might be hit by the jet.
- 5.2.4. Ensure that the boat being washed down is secured fore and aft to prevent it swinging and that it is supported safely on a trolley or trailer.
- 5.2.5. **While operating the washer, keep a look out for passers by and make sure to release the lance trigger until they have safely passed.**

5.3 CLEAN UP

- 5.3.1 To turn the washer off, cut the throttle. Turn the water supply off and tidy away the hoses before removing the vessel.
- 5.3.2. When the vessel has been removed, be sure to wash off the jetty area and to hose off any RIBS which may have been subjected to over-spray.(Do NOT use the power washer to do this)
- 5.3.3. **Allow the engine to cool off before replacing the washer in its' box.**

6.0 Documentation & reporting

- 6.1 None required except if an operating problem has been encountered - in which case report it to the Club Manager and leave a note in the sailing office.