

ENTEL VHF RADIOS – OPERATING AND CHARGING PROCEDURE

There are 3 Entel HT644 VHF radios and 2 chargers available for use which are kept in the storage and charging box mounted on the NW corner of the Mylor Sailing School building. These waterproof radios are “professional” standard and should provide many years of service.

The Cox is responsible for ensuring there is a working VHF radio in the boat. When preparing the gig for use, a charged radio (at least 2 bars on the battery indicator) will be taken from the box and into the gig.

In use on the water, the radio should be secured in its holder, clipped onto the buckle webbing of the lifejacket being used by the cox with the strap around the cox’s neck for added security.

At the end of the session if another crew is taking the gig out, the radio is to be physically handed over to the incoming cox, ensuring that at least 2 bars remain on the battery indicator.

When the gig is being stowed away, the cox must check the battery indicator before switching the radio off. If there are 2 bars or more there is no need to recharge the battery. Otherwise, the radio should be removed from the holder and inserted into the charger for recharging.

THE FOLLOWING POINTS ARE ESSENTIAL BEFORE INSERTING INTO THE CHARGER TO KEEP BOTH RADIO, BATTERY AND CHARGER IN GOOD CONDITION:

1. THE RADIO HAS BEEN DRIED OFF
2. THE RADIO HAS BEEN SWITCHED OFF
3. THE RADIO HAS BEEN FULLY INSERTED INTO THE CHARGER
4. THE CHARGER HAS BEEN SWITCHED ON AND THAT THE CHARGER LIGHT HAS CHANGED TO RED (NB - THIS MAY REQUIRE SOME “JIGGLING” TO ENSURE CORRECT CONTACT IS MADE)

NB: IF THE BATTERY HAS BEEN RUN FLAT (AS INDICATED BY A DEAD DISPLAY), IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO REMOVE IT FROM THE RADIO FOR SEPARATE RECHARGE.

REPORT ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE RADIOS IMMEDIATELY TO THE BOSUN.