

Challenge the Outdoors Challenger Pontoon Boat Procedures & Rules



Kuhn's Bait Shop

Location, keys and bait After you have made reservations for the Challenger, pick-up the keys at Kuhn's Bait Shop at 202 Airport Rd, Shawano, WI 54166 (715-524-5252) The bait shop is on the east side of the road before you get to the Airport. Pick up keys and fishing bait if needed. (The cost of the bait is yours.)



Bait Shop Sign

After you are done fishing, return the keys to the bait shop. If the bait shop is closed, there is a mailbox with a CTO sign on it; put the keys in the mailbox.

From the bait shop parking lot turn right (North) and continue down the highway across the first bridge (Shawano lake outlet) and take the first right into a gravel parking lot at **S&S Marina**. Try to park out of the way towards of back of the lot. Near the marina building there is a small boat ramp and the Challenger is docked right next to it.



Parking Lot

The parking lot can become crowded later in the day but remember the adage the early bird gets the worm! There are two options for restrooms. If the marina building is open; the restrooms are on the inside or there is a porta potty in the parking lot.



Porta Potty

All users of the Challenger should have had the gas tanks and oil reservoir refilled when returning to the dock; but it is a prudent idea to check to make sure the tanks are indeed full before you leave the dock. Marina staff if available; will refill the gas tanks and charge our account. **If you are a disabled CTO Member, You do not have to pay for the gas or oil.**



Moored Challenger



Approach Ramp

If marina staff are not available to refill the gas tanks, you can take an empty can to a gas station and purchase regular non-leaded fuel. Save the receipt if you want to be reimbursed for the fuel.

After you, your companions and gear are on board you can prepare to start the motor and leave the dock. **Please leave any alcoholic beverages on shore. The CTO Board of directors has adopted a policy of no alcohol on board the Challenger.**



Boarding Ramp On The Challenger

Preparation and Motor Starting Instructions

Make sure there are Personal Floating Devices (PFDs) for each person, one throw cushion and fire extinguisher on board. PFDs are stored in plastic totes behind the back seats and a fire extinguisher is under a back seat. The PFDs must be out and accessible for each person if not being worn. **While not required by state law it is good boating safety for all on board to be wearing a PFD**

The Depth Finder/Fish locator is on the dash and is activated by flipping the auxiliary switch located on bottom right side of steering counsel. If power cable is not attached; carefully line up the small prongs on left rear socket and plug in. Operational directions are in the orange tackle box located in front right storage box.

Turn battery switch located on outside of rear seat to position 1 or 2. Check to make sure battery is charged by putting key in ignition, turn key to on position but do not try starting. There is a battery gauge located on dash.

If not yet done, check oil level on front of motor viewing window and if necessary, fill with oil that is located under rear seat. There is a pliers in the orange tackle box to loosen cap if necessary.



Battery Switch



Dashboard

Under rear seat on right side when facing rear of boat there is a shut-off valve for the gas lines, turn valve to face either forward or back to allow gas to get to motor. Pump the ball on gas line until it is hard.

You are now ready to start the motor. With the key in ignition and make sure throttle is in neutral position (straight up) and pull choke lever up to about 45 degrees. Lower motor into water using trim/tilt button located on throttle. Push & turn key at same time. The motor should start after a few seconds of the motor turning over. Stop turning and pushing key after motor starts. Let motor idle with lever up until motor is running well then pull idle lever down. If motor does not start after 10 seconds stop turning and pushing key. Wait about 10 seconds and repeat starting procedure. Stop pushing key in (choking the motor) if you smell gas, as the motor may be flooded. After motor is running make sure water is coming out of rear of motor.

After motor is running, unhook the chains and remember how and where chains are



attached so you can re-attach them the same way when you return. Close (lift) gate and lock in place. Take push pole out in case you need to push off dock or another boat while leaving dock area. Trim motor up slightly when leaving and entering dock area as you should do in any shallow area.

Rear boat chains

Run motor only up to 3/4 throttle maximum. This is for safety and fuel conservation. Only shift from forward to reverse when the motor is just idling. Please be careful on the lake especially if you unfamiliar with the lake and avoid running motor in extremely shallow water to not damage the prop. If you do go into very shallow water trim motor up but remember to put it down when in deeper/safe water. There is a lake map in the orange tackle box in front right storage box.

Emergency flares are stored in front compartment along with anchors. There is a throw rope under rear seat. There is a spare battery in rear of boat.

Return to dock before dusk/sunset. Take it slow coming into dock, remove all weeds from motor, and trim motor completely out of water. **Turn battery switch to off position. Turn gas valve (handle) to straight out.**

Put preservers, extinguisher, anchor and anything else you used back to its proper place. Clean/sweep deck off and take everything home that you came with, **Try to leave the boat in better shape than what you found.**

If a marina attendant is present, have them refill the gas tanks and top off the oil reservoir for the outboard motor. Return key to the bait shop.

The use of CTO's Pontoon boat is a privilege not a right. We are counting on all users to follow proper procedures and act appropriately and lawfully. You represent CTO when you are on the water so please act appropriately. If you do not follow these procedures, your privileges will be revoked.

In case of emergency have a cell phone to dial 911. You should check weather reports before leaving home. If you have a question about the boat operations and to reserve Challenger, you can try to contact Gary Thyse at 715-584-7700 or John Kempen at 920-788-9311 or Bill Mayville at 715-851-1043 or Jeff Pagels at 920-366-5731.

Enjoy yourself and be safe!



Coming home after a great day on the lake