

Concept Only

This is a Sample manual that can be used to compile your operational guidelines

Bumper Boat Operations

- Pre-Opening inspection
 - Gas: See Pre-Opening Daily Checklist for Gas Boats (In your manual)
 - Tube: 1.5 psi to 2 psi for textured tube, 3 psi to 6 psi for vinyl/super tube.
 - Check the hull for cracks and cleanliness.
 - Check the receiver for cracks or loose bolts.
 - Handrails: check for loose bolts and condition.
 - Decals: are they clean and readable?
 - Engine:
 - Oil level.
 - Drain float bowl
 - Fuel tank: check for leaks and mounting. Fill with fuel.
 - Throttle operation and cable condition
 - Handlebars: looseness or cracks.
 - Pivot: check operation
 - Starter, starter rope condition
 - Prop Guard MUST be in place and in good condition.
 - Heat Guards MUST be in place and secure.
 - Electric Bumper Boat: See Opening Daily Checklist.
 - Tube: 1.5 psi to 2 psi for textured tube, 3 psi to 6 psi for vinyl/super tube.
 - Check the hull for cracks and cleanliness.
 - Check the receiver for cracks or loose bolts.
 - Handrails: check for loose bolts and condition.
 - Decals: are they clean and readable?
 - Battery “fuel” gauge: inspect.
 - Sump pump: check operation (this can be done visually through the rear vent).
 - General wiring and connections: inspect, clean and replace if necessary.
 - Motor

- Check operation, wires and connections.
 - Go an squirt buttons: test
 - Handlebars, check for looseness or cracks
 - Pivot: check operation
 - Prop Guard MUST be in place and in good condition.
 - Wires: check connections and condition
- Bumper Boat Area: See checklist in your manual
 - Boat rope and hooks: check for broken hooks or unsafe ropes.
 - Dockrails: check for cracks or looseness
 - Pond water: check chemical condition and clarity. (This is a safety-related item.)
 - Filtration and pump: Check for operation and leaks
 - Safety equipment: On hand? Throwable device, life jackets.
 - Signage: In place and legible.
 - Fencing: inspect.
 - Dock area: clean? Free of debris or slip hazards?
 - Ride timer: check operation
 - Intra-facility communications and announcement PA system (if installed).
- Notify Management that Bumper boat ride area is ready to go.
- Ride operations
 - Greet customers at the entrance gate. Check for proper tickets/wristbands and make sure they meet the proper ride requirements (i.e., driver/passenger height).
 - Direct customers to the boat. Have them wait for your assistance prior to boarding.
 - Once you have admitted enough guests to fill your boats, close and latch the entrance gate. Tell the remaining guests they will be on the next ride.
 - Begin loading the boats. Offer EACH guest assistance into the boats. Observe weight limits – these are posted on each boat. Drivers must be at least 44” (112cm) tall.
 - Each bumper boat has three seats. We recommend no more than two people per boat, per ride. The largest guest on the boat MUST sit in the center – this means he/she will be the driver. Having the largest guest in the center is CRITICAL to the boat’s balance. During the ride, any passengers must hold on to the safety rail. Make these announcements during loading.
 - DO NOT release any boats into the pond until ALL guests are seated on the ride.

- Once all drivers are loaded, go to each driver. Give him/her instructions on how to operate and steer the boat. Release the boats into the pond, give them a gentle push in the direction of open waters. Don't fall in.
- Once all boats are released, begin ride timer and WATCH the session. Notify drivers of infractions, i.e., standing, passengers not holding onto rail or ANY unsafe behavior.
- If anyone falls into the pond, notify all drivers to stop where they are and go in after the fallen guest. Notify your manager after you have addressed any immediate needs for safety.
- When ride timer is done, signal the boats to come in to the docking area. Have all drivers remain SEATED while you attach each boat to the dock.
- NO ONE should attempt to exit his/her boat until all riders have been secured to the docking station.
- Once all boats have been secured, assist each guest out of the boat and direct them to the exit.
- Once all guests have exited, begin ride cycle again.
- Key points to remember:
 - Latch gate once you have enough riders for your boats to keep small children from wandering onto the dock area.
 - Assist all guests into and out of boats.
 - WATCH the entire session. Never take your eyes off the bumper boat pond during a session.
 - Notify your manager of any unsafe equipment/conditions/behavior.
 - Be prepared to enter the pond if a lifesaving situation arises.

3. Closing Procedures

- Tie up all boats. If the motors are removed at the end of the day, you must have two people – one in the boat and one on the dock.
- Gas motors should be filled with fuel.
- Electric boats should be plugged into charger and left to charge overnight. Plug the SB-50 from the charger into the SB-50 plug and cable coming from the boat. Then turn on the circuit breaker that activates the charger. Verify that the charger has turned on and is charging the boat.

Complete any closing procedures provided by your manager.