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The HX300E - the first Marine VHF Handheld to offer the ability to charge via a USB port

Due to the widespread popularity of the USB charging system, finding the correct charger for your handheld has never been easier.

Not only that, the HX300E is packed with masses of features, is lightweight, compact and waterproof with a three year warranty. If accidentally dropped overboard, it will float face up and a red flashing light will activate on contact with the water, even if the unit is switched off.

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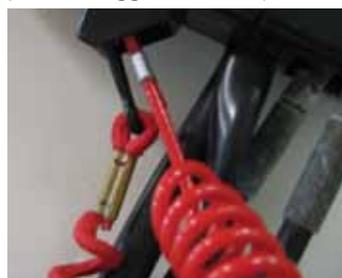


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Dual killcords for kids

When teaching 8 to 11 year olds, both the instructor and the student must wear a killcord. The following series of pictures deals with the two common types of kill switch encountered on powerboats and how to attach two separate killcords in each instance.

If you have the toggle switch system it is possible to place two loops over the toggle and then push the toggle to the run position.



If you operate the other type of switch which uses the prong type connector, the following series of pictures shows an effective method of attachment:



Add a key ring loop to one of the lanyards



Place the ring over one of the prongs of the other lanyard



Locate the kill switch and attach the two lanyards as above

The key point to remember is that the two lanyards will separate if either is used to stop the engine. Above all, avoid directly connecting the two lanyards together as this could cause injury.

Normally, students aged 12 or over should wear the sole killcord when on the helm, although if the instructor deems it necessary for a particular individual or group, they may also wear one, using the dual killcord arrangement described above.

Check your kit

Don't forget to familiarise yourself with the Powerboat checklist in the new consolidated Recognition Guidance Notes.

You will find the list for powerboats in Appendix 13.

Inland Waterways Crew course

As announced at the RYA e-canal Ltd Inland Waterways Training Conference we are piloting a new course, the Inland Waterways Crew course.

We would appreciate help with running this pilot from as many Inland Waterways centres as possible. No new equipment or training is necessary to offer this course. To register an interest to deliver the course email tricia.leeson-smith@rya.org.uk

Full details, including the syllabus can be seen in the 'keeping current' page on www.rya.org.uk/coursestraining/resources