MMRL Orientation Agenda
Intended for new MMRL members, but all are welcome to attend.

1. **Introductions**

2. **Teams and schedule**
    a. Contact info – if any of the contact info on the sheet is incorrect or you would like to add/change email or cell phone info, write it on the sheet (Teresa will update and send out to everyone via email) – There will be a copy posted in the MMRL shed
    b. Recommend being to the lake by _____ so we can start races by _____
    c. We usually do not sail when winds are **less than 6 mph or more than 20 mph**.
    d. Teams
        i. There are two teams of 4 on each night.
        ii. The minimum required to sail/race is 4 (2 per boat); however, at least one person on the boat must be capable of docking the Santana under sail in all wind conditions. Teams may be adjusted as needed on racing days to ensure adequate experience on each boat.
        iii. Subs may be used; however, they must be experienced match racers.
    e. Team duty rotation
        i. Each night one team will be responsible for setting the racing course.
        ii. If there are an adequate number of experienced individuals available to run the RC, an RC can run the races.
        iii. If there are not sufficient (or sufficiently experienced) individuals available to run RC, the team responsible for setting the course will set two pins for the start line. Teams will synchronize countdown to start and start without a RC.
        iv. Unless weather or holidays will not allow, the Monday night teams may leave the Santana tied to the dock and the Tuesday night team will pull them out.

3. **Communication**
    a. Communication is via the GroupMe App (MMRL group).
    b. If wind or other factors may result in cancellation of races, the team Captains will make the final decision and announce by 4pm via GroupMe.
    c. If racing is cancelled, your team may coordinate to meet at the club for related activities (for example, you can practice spinnaker at the dock in light winds or discuss racing rules/strategy if winds are high).
    d. Extra people are always welcome on RC (can learn a lot watching)
    e. If you will be unable to make match racing night, you may request subs vias the GroupMe app.

4. **RC Boat** (still on trailer in the back –we can go back and talk about operation the boat, or wait). Key items to cover on RC boat
    a. We share with other groups at the lake, so please be sure to follow the proper use and shutdown procedures and leave the boat clean
    b. Boat operation 'must knows'…

i. When going from forward to reverse or vice versa, put the boat in neutral first
ii. When going to reverse, place in neutral and then go quickly into reverse to minimize grinding
iii. Throttle up slowly
iv. Raise motor when in boat lift
v. Shut off all power when done
vi. Notify other people on the boat (especially if they are standing) before changing from forward to reverse and vice versa.

c. Carry ID in case DNR pulls you over. Registration should be on the boat.
d. Obey no wake markers
e. Handout for RC – for newer members, this covers pontoon boat handling and RC duties – a copy will be posted in the shed

5. **RC committee**
   a. Race
      i. Course is always Windward/Leeward with port rounding (assume upwind start)
      ii. If wind is good for spinnaker, try to set a longer course
      iii. RC calls the number of laps (may want to poll teams for input)
      iv. Normally do 3 races (unless wind dies, gets dark or bad weather is coming)
   b. Equipment (Located in shed)
      i. May need to inflate markers
      ii. Key location
      iii. Pro Start system and bull horn
      iv. Anchors and flags on pontoon boat

6. **Terms handout** – For newer members – this covers common terms used while racing. If your team uses a term you don't know, ask what it means. Important to have good communication.

7. **Using the Club Santana** – As an MMRL member, you may use the Club Santana 20 when it is not being used for practice or racing.
   a. **Only the CLUB Santana is available for use (do not use the Shipley boat)**
   b. **ONLY use the factory sails that are on the boat (never the racing sails)**
   c. **When the Santana is being used for team practice, you may use the practice sails.**

8. **Rigging the Santana -** for newer members, we have a handout that covers rigging and de-rigging as well as proper storage of equipment (a copy will be posted in the match race shed). **Strong emphasis on proper treatment of equipment so it will last. Leave the boat as you would like to find it.**
   a. Sails
      i. Flake Jib, roll main, flake and fold blade
      ii. Never put sails away wet
   b. Equipment
      i. Shed combinations (MMRL and SWIM)
      ii. Report problems or damaged equipment to team captains

iii. Put equipment back where it belongs

c. Rigging

i. Warning when stepping on/off
ii. Never let go of halyard shackle/always look up to ensure the halyard is clear
iii. Never force anything while rigging, stop and look for the issue
iv. If you are not sure you rigged something correctly, ask a team member to check (you don't want to find out when you are on the water)
v. Triple check the motor is firmly attached

d. Safety

i. Wear PDF is you cannot swim or if you are more comfortable with one on
ii. The top deck of the Shipley boat has been treated with a compound that makes it a little more slick to be aware when you are on the foredeck
iii. Bring sunscreen, water, gloves, etc
iv. Other safety reminders?