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# Dinghy Safety

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## Anchor Chain Awareness

There have been several incidents of dinghy sailors getting too close to the bow of the Start Boat and getting caught on the anchor chain by their centre board or rudder. Often it is very difficult to judge how shallow the anchor chain is just below the surface of the water, particularly if the Start Boat is moored in shallow water and a considerable length of anchor chain has been let out. The anchor chain can be particularly hazardous if the Start Boat is pitching up and down in rough conditions.



Don't Get Caught

It is always a good idea not to get too close to the Start Boat before and after each race, and always give the bow of the Start Boat a very wide berth. If your dinghy does get caught by the anchor chain, then lift your centre board quickly and remove your rudder if necessary.

*Safety - its everyone's responsibility*