

WeyDays with TLC

ENGINE OPERATION, MARY PORTER

ENGINE CONTROLS

Key switch: To start and stop the engine.

Idle Control: To open throttle/choke when engine cold.

Gear/Throttle control: A single lever control that operates both the gear selection and the speed of the boat. There is a locking button on the underside of the handle that prevents accidental engagement of the gearbox. Squeeze or pull up on this button before pushing the lever forward for forward gear, or pulling it backwards for reverse. The further you push or pull the handle the faster the engine will run.

Audio and visual alarms. If lights come on or the alarm sounds when not expected, there is a problem. Call us for further guidance.

Starting from cold:

Lift idle control lever to a point where it will stay raised on its own.

Ensure Gear/Throttle control is in neutral position.

Turn key from the 'off' position, and through the 'run' position to the spring return 'start' position to start (like on a car). When engine fires, release to 'run' position.

When warmed up, return Idle Control lever to horizontal position.

Starting from warm/hot:

As above, but without the need to raise the Idle Control lever.

Stopping the engine: Return key switch to 'off' position.

Notes:

The engine cannot be started without the dead mans cord in position on the pull button below the keyswitch.

The engine cannot be started when in gear. Ensure gear/throttle lever is in neutral position before attempting to start.

Forward and reverse gears cannot be engaged with the Idle Control lever in the raised position.

Slow down in plenty of time when coming alongside or entering a lock. Do not come screaming in then use reverse as a brake. You would not do it in your car, please don't do it to our boat! Drift alongside or in to the lock at a very gentle pace, then use reverse only as a fine control brake to stop the boat where you would like it positioned.

Under no circumstances go direct from forward to reverse without idling the engine first.

