

PRO BOAT

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Blackjack™ 26 Super Sport Assembly Manual
.18-Size Nitro-Powered Catamaran Boat



Specifications

Total Length.....	26 in (660mm)
Beam	11.5 in (287mm)
Engine.....	Pro Boat® .18 Marine w/Tiger Drive and Tuned Exhaust
Radio System.....	Pro Boat AM 27MHz
Weight	6.3 lb (2.8 kg)
Fuel Tank Capacity	12 oz (0.35 l)

Introduction

Congratulations on the purchase of your Pro Boat® Blackjack 26 SS Catamaran. You are just minutes from one of the most thrilling experiences that the radio control hobby has to offer.

The Pro Boat Blackjack 26 SS is a professionally built, ready-to-run Catamaran fiberglass composite model. Powered by the potent Pro Boat .18 marine engine, you will be able to race across the water at speeds in excess of 30 mph!

Read this owner's manual thoroughly. You also need to read the included Pro Boat .18 engine manual, along with the Pro Boat radio system manual.

It is very important that you operate this boat responsibly. With proper care and maintenance, you will be able to enjoy your Blackjack 26 SS for many years to come.

Carefully unpack your Blackjack 26 SS and examine the boat and its contents. The box should contain the Blackjack 26 SS RTR with radio installed, a boat stand and the Pro Boat radio transmitter. If you are missing any of these items or notice any damage, immediately contact the place of purchase.

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General Guidelines

It is important that you read and follow this instruction manual, along with the radio system manual and the engine manual, before you run this exciting boat. Failure to read and understand the manual could result in personal injury, property damage or permanent damage to your boat. It is also important to run your boat responsibly. With proper care and maintenance, you will be able to proudly enjoy your Blackjack 26 SS for many years to come.

This boat has been designed to race in an oval path, just like its full-scale counterpart. At high speeds do not attempt turns to the left, as the boat may become unstable. If you have to turn left, do so in a large diameter turn and at slow speeds.

When operating the boat, stay clear of people, full-scale boats, stationary objects and wildlife. It is preferable to operate the Blackjack 26 SS in low wake, low wind conditions and in areas free of people, wildlife and objects.

Before you operate your model, make sure that your frequency is clear. If someone is operating on the same frequency, both models could go out of control, possibly causing damage to the models or to others. Check all of the hardware, manifold, pipe and propeller for security before and after each run.

If at any time while operating your model you sense any abnormal function, end your operation immediately. Do not operate your boat again until you are certain the problem has been corrected. **Always stay clear of the propeller.**

Instructions for Disposal of WEEE by Users in the European Union



This product must not be disposed of with other waste. Instead, it is the user's responsibility to dispose of their waste equipment by handing it over to a designated collection point for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. The separate collection and recycling of your waste equipment at the time of disposal will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that it is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. For more information about where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local city office, your household waste disposal service or where you purchased the product.

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Additional Required Items

Although the Blackjack 26 SS comes fully assembled and ready for action, you will need a few tools to get your boat ready to run. You will need the following:

Blue Thunder™ 20% Fuel (quart) (DYN2320)	Ni-Cd Glow Driver (DYN1925)
500cc Fuel Bottle (DYN2003) or Fast Tap™ Quart Bottle Spout (DYN2009)	12 AA alkaline batteries (8 for the transmitter and 4 for the receiver)
Glow Plug Wrench (DYN2510)	7.2V Battery (DYN1000) for electric starter Battery Charger (DYN4051) for electric starter

Suggested Field Equipment and Supplies

In addition to the items needed to run the Blackjack 26 SS, we recommend that you carry the following in your field box:

Engine Tuning Screwdriver (DYN2775)	Clean towels
Replacement Glow Plugs (DYN2508 or DYN2500)	AA alkaline batteries
Hex driver/Allen wrench (2.5mm)	Adjustable wrench (small)
Cable grease to lubricate drive shaft (PRB0100)	Extra propellers

Contents

- Assembled Blackjack 26 SS Nitro RTR
- Pro Boat radio transmitter
- Boat stand
- Electric engine starter



Section 1: Building the Boat Stand

- 1. There are 4 plywood pieces. The 2 short plywood pieces are the ends of the boat stand.
- 2. Attach the 2 long plywood pieces of the interlocking boat stand to the end of one of the short plywood pieces. Repeat with the remaining short plywood piece.
- 3. Secure the interlocking boat stand with thick CA or epoxy.

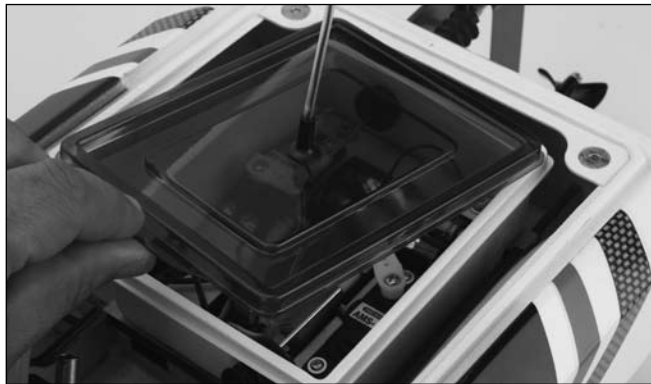


Section 2: Installation of Receiver and Transmitter Batteries

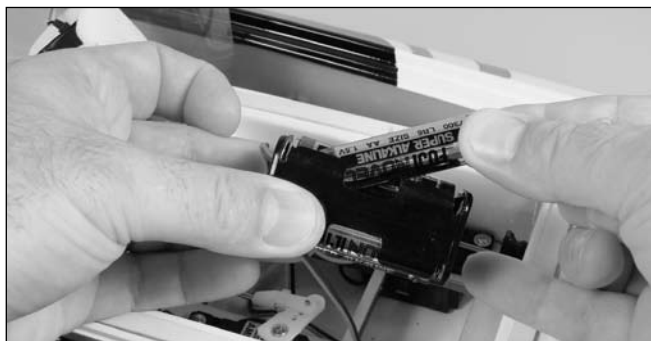
Receiver Batteries



- 1. Lift the cockpit off the boat from the rear.



- 2. Remove the clear lid on the radio box.



- 3. Remove the dry cell battery holder from the radio box and unwrap the foam from around the dry cell battery holder. Install 4 AA alkaline batteries as shown. Note the proper polarity. Wrap the battery box in foam.
- 4. Re-install the battery holder into the radio

box and secure the radio box. Be sure the antenna wire is extended through the antenna tube.

Transmitter Batteries

- 1. Remove the transmitter from the box.
- 2. Remove the battery cover on the bottom of the transmitter.



- 3. Note the proper polarity and insert 8 AA batteries into the transmitter.



- 3. Secure the batteries using the battery cover.
- 4. Turn on the radio and confirm that all LEDs illuminate, indicating proper installation of fully charged batteries.
- 5. Turn the radio off.

Section 3: Range Checking the Pro Boat Radio System

Before the first run of the Blackjack 26 SS, you should check the radio for proper operation and to ensure proper control movement of the rudder and throttle. Also ensure that the antenna on the boat is extended properly and that all batteries are in working condition.

- 1. With the radio system turned on (transmitter and receiver) and the transmitter antenna down (engine off), walk off 40 to 50 paces from the Blackjack 26 SS.
- 2. Have an assistant remain with the boat to check for proper control movement of the rudder from your transmitter input.

- 3. If everything appears to be operating correctly, raise the antenna and start the engine (refer to Section 8 of this manual and to the separate Pro Boat .18 engine manual). Place the boat in the water and run it (at about 1/3 throttle) close to the shoreline. If the radio system is operating properly, you can begin to run the boat faster and farther away from the shoreline.

Note: It is a good idea to range check prior to operating your boat after any repair, installation of new batteries, or at the beginning of each boating season.

Section 4: Filling the Fuel Tank

We recommend that you use Blue Thunder 20% fuel. For maximum performance, we recommend Blue Thunder Race Formula. Blue Thunder fuels are specifically formulated for excellent power and engine protection.

Locate the fuel tank inside the cockpit area and unscrew the lid. Use either the DYN2009 Fast Tap quart bottle spout that has been attached to the

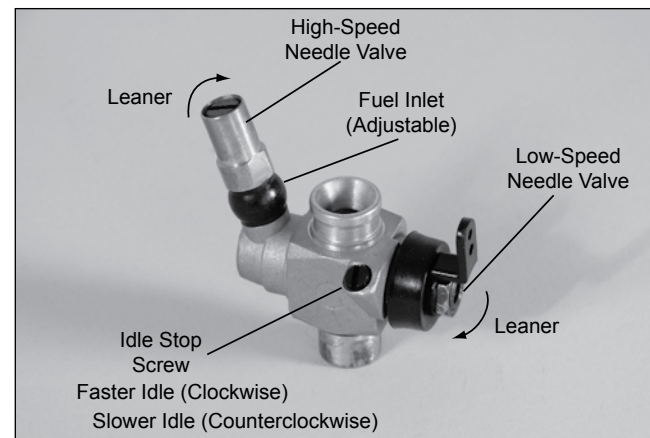
quart of fuel or the DYN2003 Fuel Bottle to fill the fuel tank with your selection of Blue Thunder fuel. After you have filled the fuel tank and re-installed the lid, wipe away any excess fuel that may have spilled inside the hull or elsewhere on the boat. Immediately seal the fuel container by putting the lid back on after refueling in order to protect the fuel from moisture.

Section 5: The Pro Boat .18 Marine Engine

Water-Cooled Engine

Because the Pro Boat .18 engine is water-cooled and not air-cooled, make sure that you do not run the engine for an extended amount of time outside of the water. Continuously monitor the water outlet when the boat is running in the lake to make sure that water is flowing through the engine head. If the water does not reach the head to cool it, the engine will overheat and fail. This will cause permanent damage to the engine.

Carburetor



The carburetor is adjusted at the factory. This setting should be approximately $1\frac{3}{4}$ – $2\frac{1}{2}$ turns open for the high-speed and $2\frac{1}{2}$ turns open for the low-speed needle. This should give you a slightly “rich” mixture of fuel to the engine. This setting is the safest way to break in your engine. For further details regarding the carburetor, see the engine instruction manual.

Section 6: Starting the Engine

Hand-Held Starter



1. Fully charge a 7.2V sub-C battery pack and install it in the starter as shown.



2. Slide the starting wand (which is stored inside the battery cover) into the end of the starter, then replace the battery cover.

Operation



Attach a fully charged glow driver to the glow plug.

Turn on the radio system and insert the starting wand into the Tiger Drive; actuate the starting switch until the engine begins to run.

Note: Stop operation immediately if the engine enters a hydro-locked condition as serious engine damage may occur if operation is continued. Remove the glow plug, invert the boat and operate the starter to remove raw fuel before resuming normal operation.

You may have to “blip” the throttle on the transmitter (applying throttle on/off) while trying to start the engine. New engines are harder to start because of the tight piston/sleeve fit. Never start an engine at 1/2 to full throttle, as this will cause over-revving which may cause premature wear and breakage.

During the first tank of fuel, advance the idle via the idle adjustment screw more than normal to prevent stalling at idle due to the rich fuel mixture for break-in. Pinch the fuel line nearest the carburetor to stop the engine.

Section 6: Starting the Engine (continued)

Breaking in Your Engine

The first start-up of the engine is the most critical moment of the engine's life, dictating how the engine will perform from that time forward. Turn on your radio system and attach a fully charged glow igniter (DYN1925) to the glow plug. Start the engine with the electric starter as described in Section 8.

During break-in, the low-speed needle should be slightly rich and the high-speed needle should be very rich. After a few tanks of fuel, begin to lean the engine out. It generally takes about five to six tanks of fuel before you want to lean out the engine until it supplies good power. Do not skip this process of break-in. Failure to follow this procedure could damage your new engine. For further details on breaking in your engine, please see the separate Pro Boat .18 instruction manual.

Note: It is common for an ABC engine to require a replacement glow plug or two during break-in.

Needle Settings

When adjusting the settings, always adjust the needles in small increments, about 1/16 of a full turn at a time. Do not set the engine too lean, as it shortens the reliability of the engine.

The low speed needle effects the transition from idle to full speed. Lean out the low end until only a slight hesitation is noticed when transitioning to full power.

After you have attained the correct high-speed needle settings, the engine will have a strong sounding, high-pitched whine at full speed, and a thin trail of blue/white smoke will come from the exhaust.

Idle Adjustment

The last item to adjust is the idle screw. To obtain a higher idle, turn the idle screw clockwise; for lower idle, turn the idle screw counterclockwise. You may also adjust the idle speed using the throttle trim on the transmitter.

Replacement Parts

In the event that you need to replace an engine part, there is a complete parts listing in the Pro Boat .18 instruction manual. Exploded views will help you to select the correct parts and make minor repairs.

Maintenance

Lube the gears inside the Tiger Drive with waterproof grease every 30 hours of use. Check all screws for tightness after each run.

Section 7: Hull Care

The hull of the Blackjack 26 SS is finished using the highest quality paints and the most advanced painting methods available. The base coat/clear cote technique delivers an amazing shine that is as durable as it is beautiful. To keep your

Blackjack 26 SS looking new, you should apply a wax coating to the top of the hull as used on automotive finishes to prevent oxidation and to further protect against damage caused by fuel and other harmful chemicals.

Section 8: Handling Adjustments

Operate your Blackjack 26 SS in low to medium wake conditions to avoid having problems with the boat overturning. If the conditions are questionable, adjust the prop strut down a bit to reduce the likelihood of having the boat overturn.



Section 9: Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Solution
Engine will not start	<p>Engine is not primed: put a few drops of fuel into the carburetor venturi and restart</p> <p>Out of fuel: fill fuel tank</p> <p>Improper fuel: use 20% Blue Thunder</p> <p>Improper glow plug: install proper glow plug</p> <p>Glow igniter not charged: charge igniter</p> <p>Dead glow plug: replace</p> <p>Flooded engine: remove glow plug, invert boat and engage the Tiger Drive to remove raw fuel from the engine</p>
Engine starts, then dies	<p>Pressure line blocked or unhooked: connect or replace fuel line</p> <p>Reset needles to baseline setting: see Section 9</p>
Engine starts and runs for several minutes, then dies	<p>Bad glow plug: replace</p> <p>Idle speed set too low: see Section 9</p> <p>Improper needle settings: see Section 9</p> <p>Glow plug failed due to lean engine setting: richen carburetor settings and replace glow plug</p>

Section 10: Maintenance

The Pro Boat Blackjack 26 SS should provide many hours of exciting high-speed racing fun with just minor maintenance. Preventative maintenance is very important. Taking the time to ensure that all the setscrews and bolts are tight before each operation of the boat will prevent many problems.

Before operating Blackjack 26 SS

Check that all screws and hardware are securely in place. This is very important, as the manifold screws will occasionally vibrate loose during the first initial runs.

Check the propeller for damage in the form of chipping or cracking. If you find any damage, replace the propeller, as the damage will effect the performance of the boat and could also cause safety concerns.

When refueling, always wipe away any excess fuel that may have spilled into or on the boat.

After operating the Blackjack 26 SS

Wipe off any exhaust residue from the boat with glass cleaner and a soft towel. After cleaning, coat all metal parts with a silicone spray lubricant. This will help to prevent corrosion.

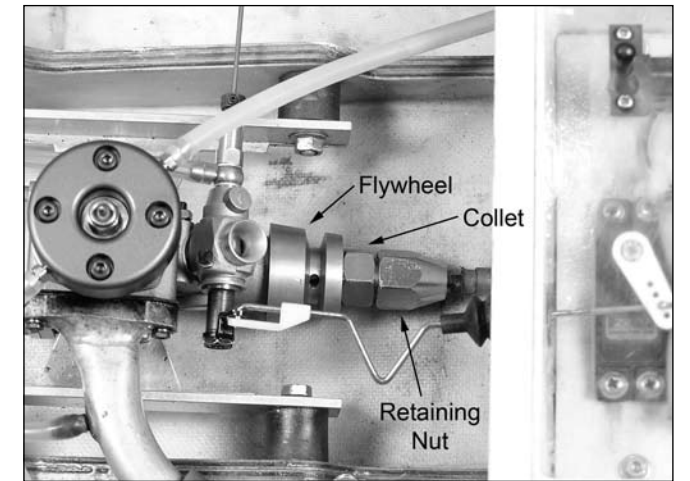
Ensure that the radio box and equipment inside is dry.

It is not recommended to operate the Blackjack 26 SS in saltwater.

Lubrication

It is important to lubricate the flex shaft of the Blackjack 26 SS with waterproof cable grease (PRB0100) after every two hours of operation.

To lubricate the drive shaft, follow these simple instructions.



Section 10: Maintenance (continued)



Loosen (do not remove) the retaining nut by holding the collet with a 10mm wrench and unscrew the retaining nut with another 10mm wrench or crescent wrench.

Carefully note how the drive shaft and prop are factory installed. This is important so that when you have finished lubricating the drive shaft, you can correctly re-install the drive shaft.



Remove the hex screws holding the Prop. Strut in position. Remove the entire assembly with the flexshaft..



Remove the drive shaft by sliding it out of the stuffing box.

Wipe off all dirt or debris from the flexshaft and liberally lubricate the entire length of the drive shaft with silicone cable grease.

Carefully re-install the drive shaft, making certain that there is a 1–2mm gap between the prop strut and the drive dog to allow for flexshaft shrinkage under load.

Section 11: Blackjack 26 SS Replacement Parts

In the event that you need to purchase replacement parts for your engine or the Blackjack 26 SS, please see your local hobby store.

You can also purchase them from Horizon Hobby by calling 1-800-338-4639 or shop online @ www.horizonhobby.com

Part #	Description
PRB0150	Propeller
PRB2068	Water Outlet
PRB2207	Fuel Tank
PRB2209	Tuned Pipe
PRB2210	Manifold Pressure Fitting
PRB2211	Coupler Tubing
PRB2215	Flywheel
PRB2218	Prop Nut
PRB2219	Nylon Washer
PRB2223	Push Rod Connector
PRB2224	Silicone Tubing
PRB2225	Battery Box/Switch
PRB2226	Antenna Tube
PRB2228	Rubber Boot
PRB2509	Cable Collet
PRB2511	Switch Mount
PRB2512	Motor Mounts with Hardware
PRB2758	Exhaust Port
PRB2805	Manifold
PRB2806	Fuel Tank Strap
PRB2807	Throttle Pushrod
PRB2808	Rudder Pushrod
PRB2809	Servo Tray
PRB2810	Stuffing Box
PRB2811	Stuffing Box Liner
PRB2813	Propeller Shaft
PRB2814	Hatch Screw Set
PRB2819	Hull only
PRB2820	Canopy
PRB2821	Decals
PRB2822	Radio Box
PRB2823	Radio Box Cover
PRB2824	Rudder and Strut Set (Red)
PRB2825	Prop Strut Set (Red)
PRB3306	Boat Stand
PRB3764	Flexshaft
PRB8100	Marine Starting System .12–.18
SUL689	Tiger Drive .12–.18

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