

## Lab Framework

**Text:** CORD

**Unit number and title:** *Unit 9 Using Ratios and Proportions*

**Short Description:** Figure out the proper gear ratio for a 4.3L Mercruiser engine and Alpha 1 outdrive

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### Lab Title

#### Gear Ratios for Marine engines

### LAB PLAN

**TEACHER:** Teacher Prep/ Lesson Plan

- **Lab Objective**  
Students will be able to find the correct gear ratio for the 4.3L engine
- **Statement of pre-requisite skills needed** (i.e., vocabulary, measurement techniques, formulas, etc.)  
Basic use of gear ratio formula and problem solving techniques
- **Vocabulary**  
Alpha 1 outdrive, Mercruiser
- **Materials List**  
Pencil, paper, tape measure, three different gear ratio outdrives, one gas engine, and propeller, boat size, horsepower, gear ratio chart.
- **State Standards addressed**  
Math: A1.8.A Analyze a problem situation and represent it mathematically  
A1.8.B Select and apply strategies to solve problems
- **Leadership Skills**  
Team work in groups and group leaders
- **SCAN Skills/Workplace Skills**  
**1.4** The student will demonstrate an ability to work with a variety of technologies, identify or solve problems with equipment, including **computers and other technologies**. This means that the student can select equipment and tools, apply technology to specific tasks, and maintain and troubleshoot equipment.
- **Set-up information**  
Outdrive gear ratios, max rpm limits, boat size, and propeller size
- **Lab organization**(-Grouping/leadership opportunities/cooperative learning expectations; - Timeline required)  
There will be three groups 5 students (one team leader, one recorder, three problem solvers)  
The time line will be approx. 35-55 min.
- **Teacher Assessment of student learning** (scoring guide, rubric)  
Score the students as a group by checking the WOT rpm

- **Summary of learning** (to be finished after student completes lab)
  - discuss real world application of learning from lab
  - opportunity for students to share/present learningStudents are able to figure out the volume of the fuel tanks and which one holds the most fuel.  
The real world application would be if you have a boat and the max WOT is 5500 rpm and you are getting 6500 rpm the engine will be damaged (valve train, pistons, etc.)
- **Optional activities**
  - Propping of different size, weight boats
- **Career Applications**
  - Boat Mechanic

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**STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Statement of problem addressed by lab**

We have a 4.3L Mercruiser engine with 205hp in a 18ft deep v-hull boat a 1.5:1, 1.81:1, and 2.0:1 gear ratio Alpha 1 outdrives with 21 pitch propellers. Which drive will be proper for us to reach a 5500 rpm WOT?
- **Grouping instructions and roles**

There will be three groups 5 students (one team leader, one recorder, three problem solvers)
- **Procedures** – steps to follow/instructions  
Work in groups to figure out which is the proper ratio and then write them down. We will test your answers on the boat in the water.
- **Outcome instructions**

Your figures should get the correct WOT rpm
- **Assessment instructions** (peer-teacher)  
Score the groups by the ones that correct answers

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## Lab Data Collection

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Criteria:** Write the problem/objective in statement form

The proper gear ratio for a 4.3L 205hp Mercruiser engine is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Data Collection:** Record the collected/given data

**Calculations:** Complete the given calculations to solve for an answer(s)

Use boat size, horsepower, and gear ratio chart

**Summary Statement:**

The proper gear ratio is 1.81:1

**Other Assessment(s)**

What does 1.81:1, 1.50:1, 2.00:1 mean?

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