

## HOW TO PROPERLY SECURE THE MYSTICETUS SHIPPING CONTAINER

Securely sealing the black Rubbermaid shipping container (packers) is not always obvious. The Rubbermaid “Action Packer” container is utilized to ship gear to vessels and back. Incorrect sealing can result in direct insurance claims against your employer. Correct steps to fill and secure the packer are outlined below.

### Filling the packer should be done in this order:

- 1) Laptop 1 placed on top of foam lining the bottom of the packer. **NOTE:** The laptop and electronics should never sit on bare plastic of the container or lid!
- 2) Place a ½ inch piece of grey foam separator over laptop.
- 3) Place laptop 2 on top of the grey foam separator
- 4) Place another ½ inch piece of grey foam over that laptop
- 5) Place laptop 3 on top of the grey foam over laptop 2. Or the 1 inch piece of filler foam
- 6) Place another ½-inch piece of grey foam on top of either laptop 3 or the filler foam
- 7) Place all supporting electronics on top of the foam in step 6
- 8) Place a final piece of grey foam over the electronics
- 9) Put the shipping manifest on top of the final piece of foam after verifying all contents

To **secure** the **packer** in preparation for shipping requires these **three simple steps:**

- 1) Proper zip tie application to the handle
- 2) Apply a couple strips of strong shipping tape to effectively tie the handles together
- 3) Cut, if possible, the excess zip tie tail to prevent snagging during shipping



1) Properly loop the tie wrap through the packer lid tab and through the hole at the bottom of packer handle. Do this with the handle partially open to ease threading of tie wrap. This is shown in the first two photos.

Once the tie wrap is properly threaded close the handle securely. Then, with the handle securely closed, cinch up the tie wrap as tightly as you can. Using pliers can help get the tie wrap fully cinched up. The handle will not crack open if done correctly. If you can pull open the red handle it is not correctly secured.

2) With the handle fully secured run strong tape between the handles on opposite sides of the packer as shown above. It is



important run the tape this way to provide a second means of securing the container in case zip tie breakage (which happens). Tape does not reliably adhere to the grey plastic of the lid and black plastic of the container. Running tape from handle to handle is important! Tape sticks reliably to the red handles, no other surface works adequately. Again, Tape just doesn't stick to the grey or black plastic due to some odd properties of the plastic – don't rely on it.



3) Finally, cut the excess tie tail that extends beyond the lock on the tie wrap with scissors or better, cutting snips. Cutting the excess reduces chances of tie wrap breaking or snagging during transport.