

BYC HAUL OUT CHECKLIST

You should re-read your boat and motor operation manual before putting your boat up for the winter; use the checklist(s) they contain to get ready for winter. If you do not have the manual(s), talk to someone in the Club with the same boat (or motor) as yours to learn what to do. If this is your first haul out with a recently purchased boat, have the previous owner help you before and during haul out day: this is a usual condition for sale of a boat.

Before Haul Out

- Lower the mast to a deck crutch and secure it or remove your mast—DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DO THIS ALONE; CALL BYC IF NECESSARY TO ARRANGE FOR HELP.
- When lowering a mast to an on-board crutch, make sure that the mast does not extend more than SIX FEET forward of your bow to avoid interference with other boats. Check with the Club about space limitations for the area where you intend to stow your cradle; you may wish to remove the mast from the boat.
- If the mast remains on the boat, secure all rigging neatly to the mast so that the haul-out crew can move freely and safely on your deck; secure mast fore and aft to the boat.
- Inspect and erect your cradle; level with wood; insert cradle pads and adjust.
- Ensure that the cradle pads are at about the right level and that there is sufficient tension on the pad angle bolts so that they can remain at the correct angle without flopping over.
- Ensure that your cradle is not too close to the next boats; if you have a problem, ask yard staff to deal with it well before the day of haul out.
- Bring to the Club a ladder that fully reaches your deck and secure it to your cradle.
- Secure a sturdy braided (not plastic) line that is longer than the length of your boat fore aft.
- REMOVE ANY MESSENGER IN THE WATER OR IT WILL BE CUT AT HAUL OUT.
- Mark with tape where straps are to be used to lift your boat; tape on lifelines is best for crane crew to easily see without bending over the boat.

On Haul Out Day

- Learn when and where your boat will probably be hauled out and plan to be at your boat well in advance; make sure your engine works so that you can motor to the haul out point. DO NOT TIE UP AT THE HAUL OUT POINT THE NIGHT BEFORE.
- Stay near your boat and know when you are about to be pulled out.
- Unlock your ladder for crew access.
- Stay away from under your boat as it is pulled out and lowered to your cradle.
- Obey all launch crew instructions and let them do their job.
- Once your boat is on its cradle, make sure it is level and in line with the yellow keel marks before the slings are removed.
- Do not start your pressure washer until the crews are at least three boats away from you.

At least two boat owners last winter underestimated the strength of the winter winds on tarps draped over masts resulting in masts blown clear off the boat: make sure everything is snug and secure before leaving your boat for the winter. For comprehensive check lists for both the spring commissioning and winterizing of your boats, these can be downloaded at: <http://bottrell.ca/BoatInfo.htm>