



**SHELLY PARK
CRUISING CLUB**

Haul-outs and Cradle Preparations

Purpose: To outline safe procedures and member responsibilities during boat haul outs and related yard operations at SPCC.

Do's

- Check forecast and tide before hauling to avoid unsafe weather conditions.
- Confirm scheduled haul-out time with team leader
- Follow the direction of the haul-out team leader at all times.
- Report faulty equipment or near misses to Health & Safety Officer
- Keep public and non-essential personnel outside the roped area.
- **Be aware of where the tractor is at all times (Wear high-viz vest).**

Preparation for haul-out

- **WEAR appropriate PPE** (boots, gloves, high-vis vest, hard hat)
- Ensure the area is clear of unnecessary gear or obstructions.
- Ensure chains, wedges, and winch lines are in good condition.
- Ensure the cradle is correctly secured (see photos)
- Grease trolley wheels prior to paying out cradle.
- Assign one person on vessel to communicate using signals, phone or radio.
- **Check winch safety cut out BEFORE winching operations**
- Only use the hydraulic jacks when jacking boats in their cradle.

During haul-out

- **Only authorised members are to operate winch and tractors.**
- Have a person standing by to warn public of moving cables and rope
- Keep clear of winch lines, rails, and cradles while boat is in motion.
- Secure vessel in cradle using appropriate supports and wedges.
- Be aware vessel will drop at the rear cradle arms as it settles during hauling.
- Pause winching once boat settled to ensure boat has settled correctly and lines can be adjusted. Secure wedges **Mind your hands**
- **Winches must not be left unattended while in use - stay in shed by switch**
- Be aware of things falling from the boat above e.g wedges
- **Be aware of potential falling boat and where you are standing**

Dont's

- Don't haul-out without a trained team.
- Don't operate machinery if not authorised.
- Don't leave loose items on deck
- Don't leave tools or materials on pathways or under boats.
- **NEVER use mechanical timber jack for lifting boats in cradles** and beware of lever kick-back in lowering any load to prevent head and facial injuries.
- **NEVER stand between a moving boat, cradle or tractor AND any fixed object.**

Cradle Selection and Adjustment

- **Take advice on the appropriate cradle to use and cradle set up.**
- Don't adjust cradles on your own. Injuries can occur from slipping diagonal struts.
- Use the transverse measuring stick to measure boat width at the cradle arms.
- Establish if your boat tends to overbalance forward or aft as a sling may be required.
- Affix depth gauge to cradle to indicate to winch operator the correct depth.
- **BE ALERT and stay well clear of cradles being lifted /moved by tractor. HIGH RISK**
- Never remove a cradle diagonal brace when the boat is in the cradle without providing additional boat support

Emergency Response

- Activate emergency winch cut-out if indicated.
- Alert others nearby to stay clear. Delegate people to keep the area clear.
- Assess the nature/ extent of the emergency and if any injuries have occurred.
- Ask one of team to retrieve First Aid Kit is in the club kitchen if required.
- **Call 111 for assistance if needed. Fire service may be required if lifting required.**
- Call club first aiders (Bruce Adlam 021 223 8358, Don Brazier 027 406 1342)
- **Notify the Club Captain Lyndon Chambers 021 674 159 or H&S Officer Bruce Adlam 021 223 8358 immediately.**

Remember: Safety during haul outs protects people, vessels, and the club's reputation. Preparation, communication, and awareness are key.