



**Royal Yacht Club of Victoria**

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## Boatyard Regulations

**To minimise the possibility of damage to your vessel whilst being lifted and chocked on the hardstand, owners are required to follow the regulations below:**

- The owner, or owner's representative must be present during the haul out and launch procedure.
- Sling points should be clearly marked on the vessel topsides. If the sling points cannot be marked, yard staff are to be advised in advance of the lift and should be given access to the interior of the vessel so that prop shaft location etc. can be checked.
- Any special lifting instructions must be communicated with yard staff in advance of any lift.
- Sail boats must enter the travel hoist well "stern first" for lifting unless otherwise agreed. Powerboats will normally enter the hoist well "bow first".
- Furling headsails should be removed prior to lifting. If this is not possible to arrange, at minimum any furling headsail should be neatly furled, the furling line and sheets secured and the clew separately secured by a strong lashing.
- Any loose canvas should be removed from the deck and Biminis and awnings removed to reduce windage if possible.
- Boat speed impellers should be removed and replaced with a blanking plug. If this is not possible the location of the speed impeller should be clearly advised to the yard.
- Boats are required to be prepared ready for lift. Radars, antennae, wind generators and other hardware MAY need to be removed to enable the travel hoist to lift and chock the vessel. Where possible backstays, topping lifts and lazy jacks should be removed and carried forward to keep clear of the travel hoist cross beam.
- Once in the lifting well, fenders need to be brought inboard and secured. Permanent mooring lines are provided at the travel hoist well.
- Owners are recommended to discuss lift preparation with the yard staff. Labour to assist preparation for lift will be billed at an hourly rate.
- Under no circumstances is any "work aloft" to be carried out on a boat whilst chocked in the yard.
- Whilst a boat is on the hardstand, in the event that lifelines have been removed, or if a vessel does not have lifelines, any person working on deck must use approved fall arrest equipment to safeguard against injury from a fall from height.
- Owners, their crew and contractors must follow the instructions of the yard staff at all times.