

VESSEL RETRIEVAL & DEPARTURE

GAVIOTA STATE PARK
BOAT HOIST OPERATOR'S TRAINING HANDBOOK

RETRIEVING THE VESSEL



When you return from your trip, evaluate sea, wind and traffic conditions before approaching the pier. When safe to do so, position your vessel alongside the pier in a bow-out position. Transfer the Hoist Operator and any passengers to the landing/stairs so that they can retrieve your vehicle and trailer.

Wait in the Day Use parking lot until a parking space at the foot of the pier is available. Park in one of the two marked spaces, remove your trailer and transport it to the Launch Zone. Clear the Launch Zone of other visitors and position the trailer so that it is pointing toward shore.

During this time, the Boat Operator should move the vessel to a safe position 200-300 yards from the pier and prepare the sling.

Lower the hoist hook to the appropriate height. The Boat Operator should time the swell, affix the sling lifting ring to the hoist hook during a calm period, turn off the vessel engine, and move to the landing/stairs, taking the control line.

Hoist the vessel, using only the highest “hoist up” speed until the vessel is well clear of the water. As the vessel is raised, the Boat Operator should manage the control line so that the vessel remains parallel with the pier and in a bow-out position.

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As the Hoist Operator continues to hoist the vessel, the Boat Operator maintains control of the vessel with the control line. When the vessel nears the railing, the Hoist Operator ensures that the Launch Zone is clear of other visitors.

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The Control Line Attendant maintains control as the vessel swings toward the trailer, being careful to always keep clear of the vessel.

Be aware of your surroundings and instruct others who are not directly involved in retrieval activities to remain outside the Launch Zone.

CAUTION

**NEVER ALLOW ANYONE TO WALK OR STAND UNDER THE
RAISED VESSEL.**

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**Afternoon winds along the Gaviota coastline are often excessive.
Maintain control of your lines to ensure a safe retrieval.**

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Position the vessel directly over your trailer. Have a Deckhand reposition the trailer if it becomes necessary.

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When the final vessel-to-trailer position has been verified, using the “slowest” hoist down speed, the Hoist Operator lowers the vessel onto the trailer, checking alignment as you do so.

IMPORTANT!

Do not approach the vessel or handle it until it is below shoulder height.

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When the vessel rests on the trailer bunks and the alignment is correct, the Control Line Attendant removes the sling from the hoist hook. The Hoist Operator lifts the hoist hook away from the vessel and swings the jib arm out over the pier railing if the hoist is to be left unattended.

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LEAVING THE PIER



Move your trailer and boat to the end of the wooden pier decking. Do NOT move it any further at this time.

Back your vehicle up to the tongue of your trailer.

CAUTION

Always watch for other pier users while backing your vehicle.

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Load your gear promptly. Other boaters may be waiting to use the hoist,.

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Attach your trailer to your vehicle. Connect the safety chains and trailer light connection. Proceed down the road to the Day Use parking lot.

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PRE-DEPARTURE CHECK



De-stage your gear and ready your vehicle and trailer for highway travel.

Double check all connections and secure loose gear and equipment before you leave the park.

Have a safe trip home!