



Boat Transport and Cradle Hire  
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## Preparing your boat and location

Some tips on how to prepare your boat for transport and help choose the slip cradle location.

- ✔ Before you commit to removing your vessel from the water for maintenance or repairs, call a marine insurance company and ask for details of the cover they offer whilst your vessel is out of the water.
- ✔ Ensure your vessel will fit into its designated location both physically and safely. Whilst choosing your proposed site, be sure to pay particular attention to the accessibility and manoeuvring area available for trucks and any other equipment that may be required to load and transport your craft to the water. Consider the approach and departure angle of the truck and trailer when deciding on your cradle location. The Portaslip trailer has been specifically made to sit low to the ground to prevent overheight towing.
- ✔ Consider the traffic flow past the chosen location and whether there would be a more desirable time of the day that Portaslip could operate with little disruption to local residents, schools, hospitals, shops etc etc
- ✔ The day before the transport is to take place, do a last minute site inspection to make sure weather conditions have not adversely affected the site and entrance and exit points. Carry out any last minute fastening down and ensure securing points on the boat are provided for and are satisfactorily located. This is particularly important if the site on which you have located your boat is on a steep slope as it is difficult to gain traction in damp conditions.
- ✔ Ensure neighbours and property owners around you are aware that the move is taking place, and that you have permission to enter the property if required.
- ✔ Portaslip will contact you the day before to confirm any last minute alterations to the time schedule, route or launching point. It is important to reconfirm the delivery address, start time and tide charts for optimum launch or retrieve time.

- ☑ Ensure all supplied measurements are correct to the best of your knowledge or supply a manufacturers/shipwright spec. sheet..
- ☑ Remove any overheight components such as arials, radars, flybridge bimini's, anchor light, mast etc.
- ☑ Secure cupboards, TV's, radio's, heavy items, to prevent damage whilst being transported on the road.
- ☑ Check the security of all bollards as these will be used for restraining and strapping, make Portaslip driver aware of any broken bolts or rot around bollard locations.
- ☑ Ensure all windows and hatches are securely closed, use duct tape if required.
- ☑ Inform Portaslip driver of any major damage/defects to the boat as this may reduce its strength in certain areas, requiring additional strapping/supporting and different slipping techniques.
- ☑ If your vessel is a yacht primarily with a tiller arm, make sure the tiller is restrained to prevent damage from continual movement during transport.
- ☑ Before launching and immediately after, check all bilges, cock valves, skin fittings, and the general hull and bulkheads to ensure they are watertight and not likely to allow water into the hull. Generally speaking, close observation should be kept of these areas up to 6 to 12 hours after the original launching.
- ☑ Make sure bilge pumps are fully operational, and also safety equipment normally required on the boat is present.
- ☑ Ensure that you have a rope of suitable length and quality to adequately restrain the boat when it is launched into the water.
- ☑ Last but not least, if your unsure please ask the driver any questions or queries you may have. "He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever."

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