

## Tips for Extending Your Boat Lift's Life

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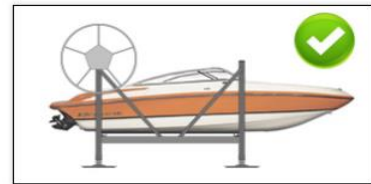
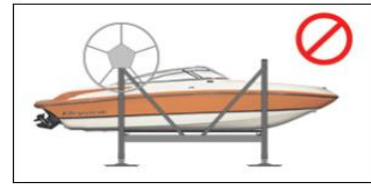
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1. Always keep within weight limit including boat weight loaded and passenger weight and factor in bunks, guides, bumpers, etc. which will all also add weight- best to leave 500 lb. safety factor.
2. Keep lift level within 3-inches (1 leg notch typically) all directions, this may have to be done several times throughout a season as the lift sinks- it is important to keep a solid base footing.
3. Check cables each season to make sure they are seated into pulley groove.
4. Lubricate the zerts (on lift pulleys, winch wheels, etc. wherever present) with marine bearing grease or use spray on lubricant (white lithium on rotating pulleys every fall prior to winter storage. Cycle up/down after greasing. Always crank lift-up after boat is removed for winter.
5. Do NOT lubricate winch brake pads on winch, avoid overspray from elsewhere.
6. Lubricate winch chain with chain lube & winch cable with marine bearing grease periodically.
7. Position boat into lift when parking, pay attention to waves coming from behind, stabilize the boat by lifting slightly, remove gear, and disembark people before lifting boat the remainder.
8. To enter the boat, lower boat down until semi-buoyant, then carefully load gear and people.
9. Always move boat as far forward as possible to balance the load before lifting- see above pic.
10. Inspect cables and pulleys for fray or unusual wear in spring and fall on shore, and periodically throughout the summer. Replace immediately if frayed or worn or consult a professional.
11. Avoid lowering cradle all the way down to relax cables as they may unseat from pulley groove.
12. Do not over crank all the way up to stop limit. Over-cranking may destroy cables, winch or lift.
13. It's a good idea to paint a mark on winch cable or frame/ cradle at ideal up position.
14. If lift cranks harder than usual, STOP IMMEDIATELY! There is something bound such as cable off pulley or other problem, such as the boat being improperly centered, out of level, broken cable.
15. ALWAYS make sure the lift cradle is 1-2 feet out of the water when lift/ boat are in UP position.
16. NEVER crank your lift-up with people on boat or lift or around it. Keep away from cables.
17. Put canopy cover on ONLY after boat is on the lift and remove before boat is off at end of season. Otherwise the lift can be lifted and flipped or damaged from the wind- if you travel often with your boat or need to take it in for service, you should remove the canopy cover prior.
18. Clean cover with a mild car wash solution or dish soap to remove acidic bird poop, spider gunk, tree sap and fold up end to end only after TOTALLY DRY. Apply Silicone UV treatment to cover in spring before putting on. Use 3M 303 vinyl protectant on vinyl or equivalent to extend the lifespan. Make sure all the folds and creases are bone dry to avoid permanent mildew in storage.
19. Store canopy away from any rodents, in a dry and warm place (basement if possible).