

PRE-TOWING CHECKLIST

- ☐ Check cold tire pressures on the tow vehicle and trailer.
- ☐ Make sure you are towing the trailer in a level attitude.
- ☐ Verify that lug nuts on the tow vehicle and trailer are tightened to the correct torque setting.
- ☐ Stow all U.S. Coast Guard required safety equipment in the boat.
- ☐ Secure the engine (or outdrive) in the full-up position.
- ☐ Tightly secure the boat cover if it is used when towing.
- ☐ Secure the coupler. Insert a bolt or other locking device into the coupler so it doesn't pop open.
- ☐ Connect the trailer lights and check that they are working properly.
- ☐ Secure the safety chains and emergency brake cable.
- ☐ Raise the trailer jack and lock it in place.
- ☐ Ensure that the boat is snug against the bow stop and secured with a winch strap, plus a safety chain or tiedown.
- ☐ Make sure the transom tiedowns are tight. Properly secure all equipment inside the boat. Adjust the tow-vehicle mirrors as needed.
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BOAT PRE-LAUNCH

(IN PARKING AREA OR READY LANE)

- ☐ Remove tiedowns.
- ☐ Remove engine support.
- ☐ Disconnect trailer wiring from tow vehicle.
- ☐ Load and stow gear to be carried aboard.
- ☐ Check boat systems: blower, engine, bilge pumps, lights and horn.
- ☐ If equipped, turn on the engine-compartment blower.
- ☐ Make ready docklines, fenders and boat hook.
- ☐ Don't forget to install the drain plug.
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BOAT LAUNCH (ON RAMP)

- ☐ Back down the ramp far enough to allow engine cooling water to be picked up.
- ☐ Set the emergency brake, put the vehicle in park, and block the rear wheels. Do the same when retrieving the boat.
- ☐ Lower the outboard or outdrive.
- ☐ Start the engine and let it warm up.
- ☐ Disconnect the winch hook from the bow eye.
- ☐ Proceed to launch.
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