

CASTLE COVE SAILING CLUB – BOAT LIFTING

Boat Owners' Responsibilities

24th March 2021

Lifting of keel boats is a high risk activity. Only with the full support and effort of all involved members can the safe and timely carrying out of lifting be assured.

Boats will not be lifted until the owner has provided consent to the Prep Lead, who will in turn instruct the banksman. The boat effectively remains under the control of the Prep Lead until the slings have been removed and the boat handed back to the owner.

Prior to lifting days, the keelboat owner will:

- Remove sails from boat. No boat can be lifted with sails attached, except where design renders this safe, e.g. Mainsail for boats with in-mast mainsail reefing.
- Check engine prior to lifting and confirm it is fully functioning. In exceptional cases it might be possible to lift a boat with a non functioning engine if advance notice is given. In any case, the owner is responsible for arranging any tow.
- Ensure Lift Point stickers are affixed (available from the Lift Co-Ordinator). NOTE: After Lift-in 2021, if stickers are not present, the boat will not be lifted.¹
- Ensure the DYMO Mast Sticker (which will be issued by the lift team) is in place on the port side of the mast just above deck level, indicating:
 - whether the front crane chain should be shortened, and if so by how many links.
 - whether the forward slings should be inside the standing rigging or outside
 - whether it is necessary to tie the forward and aft slings together to secure the slings at the correct lifting points.
- Be responsible for the stability, adequacy and functionality of his/her cradle.
- Ensure that boat name is clearly, permanently and visibly marked on the cradle.
- Check fastenings of cradles, to ensure that adjustment can be provided at lift in (loosening to clear pads at lift-in as soon as crane takes boat weight,) OR lift-out (raising pads to support boat weight as soon as boat is settled and supported on keel). Screw threads to be lubricated and sufficient spanners to be available for each nut and bolt size.

On Lift days:

¹ In case of boats which have not previously been lifted by CCSC, and exceptionally for the lift-in 2020, boats without Lift Point Stickers will be clearly marked by owner with, temporary lift point markings (coloured tape or similar). Upon successful lifting, Owner will replace temporary marking with permanent Lifting Point Stickers.

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- Attend Lift-in/out from the planned start of the lifting on the planned day, normally with sufficient crew (minimum of 1) to move the boat between mooring and pier, and vice versa. If Owner cannot be present, he/she will designate an authorised replacement.

The Running Order showing sequence of lifting is indicative and subject to change if circumstances make this necessary. Owners should be present for the whole of the lift period to provide support to the Lift Team.

- Be present for the installation of slings, connection to crane hooks, location of slings on the lifting points; when satisfied that readiness for safe lifting has been achieved, notify the Prep Lead.
- Attach sufficiently long guide lines, fore and aft (Port for lift-out, Starboard for lift-in)
- Ensure sufficient spanners and tools are available to carry out cradle adjustments.
- Lay sufficient fenders (Port for lift-out, Starboard for lift-in) to protect the boat in the water, or in close proximity to neighbouring boats in the boat park.
- Ensure they and crew wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment, to include:
 - Mandatory wearing of life jacket when waterside of pier gate.
 - Mandatory wearing of hardhat while preparing boat for lift and removing slings.
 - Suitable footwear and protective gloves.

On completion of Lift –in:

- Promptly remove cradle and leave area clear of debris and rubbish.

Notes for lift days:

- The ferry will run at appropriate times, for the transport of personnel and “normal” equipment, sailbags, etc. For the avoidance of doubt, the Club Committee has decided that the ferry boat(s) are not for use as work boats, e.g. for winterising or de-winterising moorings.
- *It is foreseen that work parties will be organised just before lift-in, and just after lift-out for mooring de-winterising/winterising. **No club facilities are available during lift-in/lift-out for mooring adaptations.***²

² Subject to organisation within the published rules for de-winterisation and use of Celtic Lady