

PORT CREDIT YACHT CLUB

Haulout 2008 Information and Procedures

Summer is winding down but not over yet with many good sailing days still left to enjoy. Old man winter will unfortunately catch us so it is with regret we talk about haulout.

The haulout period is from mid September to October 31st and you need to be hauled within this period. *Any later hauling will be assessed a late charge of \$100 and must be arranged with the Harbourmaster. Staff will not be available to wash boats after October 31st due to shortened daylight hours, water system winterizing, and winter hours. Any hauling in November will only be done on weekdays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Subject to available space, weather, and harbour depth permitting.*

Booking your time: Contact the communications office in person, phone 905 278-5578, or e-mail davids@pcyc.net. Only the communications office will schedule haulouts during the haulout period. The communications office has information to allot the correct time for your boat. Masts on sailboats will be un-stepped with the haulout appointment. Time allotted for mast un-stepping is 15 minutes. Time for each boat is calculated and scheduled based on standard requirements so please be prepared. Boats taking longer than their allotted time will be surcharged based on the standard operating rate of \$100 per hour. We will maintain our schedule to our best ability but will shut down if weather creates unsafe conditions. *If your boat is required to be placed by travel-lift it will be booked by harbour staff from October 27th to October 31st.* The launch schedule may be viewed at www.pcyc.net. Go to Harbour & Grounds then Haulout Schedule. **All access, power, and water to the dock system will be cut off after November 1st for winterization.**

Paperwork: Your winter storage form must be filled out and on file in the Harbour Office. **Your account must be current and a valid insurance certificate must be on file with the Club before your boat is hauled out.**

Preparation: You have an allotted time to complete your haulout so please be ready. Antennas on power boats must be folded down, mast booms and sails removed for un-stepping, rigging loosened or disconnected for un-stepping, lift marks identified and cradles set up prior to hauling. You must be at the mast crane at your scheduled time or you will lose your time and will have to wait for an opening. Lines and fenders should be left in place to allow for handling and protection of your boat in the travel-lift area.

Mast Un-stepping: Fifteen minutes is allocated to un-step your mast. Make sure you have all halyards secured to the mast, all furling lines secured to the furler, rigging disconnected for a keel stepped mast or slackened for a deck stepped mast, boom removed, sails removed and all wiring disconnected. Harbour staff will direct you once the mast is secure to remove all additional rigging. Harbour staff will lift the mast and place it on horses near the crane. You are required to immediately prepare it for storage by removing all spreaders and fragile items. The mast will be then placed into the racks by Harbour staff. Due to space constraints masts not prepared for storage will be assessed a fee based on the yard rate of \$100 per hour. Mast wrap will be available at a nominal cost for those who desire it.

Blocks, Stands, Cradles, Pads: The Club accepts no responsibility for these items so you must store them off site with the exception of cradles. Stands may be stored on site at your risk and if they are chained together and secure. Place your name on all stands and cradles. The club provides all blocking so consistent and adequate blocking is available for all boats. Make sure you have all necessary stands and pads available. For new boats, stands will be available for sale. See the Harbour staff for details and prices.

Cradle Set Up: Your cradle will be brought to the haulout work area prior to your haulout for you to set up. Please do not ask to have it brought out earlier as there is insufficient space to leave setup cradles staged. Make sure pads are screwed down to prevent the boat setting hard on a pad when it is placed. Cradles transportable by the hydraulic trailer without blocks affixed will be subject to a blocking charge. Cradles deemed unsafe by Harbour staff will not be used. Cradles for boats stored with the mast up must be stable enough to withstand the wind loads.

Hauling Out: Harbour staff will manually move your boat into the slings. Under no condition should a boat be driven into the slings. You may assist by centering the bow and providing the operator with any information on lift marks, underwater appendages, and sail drives. Staff will set the sling locations and lift the boat to the cradle. Please allow staff to do their work and stay out of harms way. Should you have any particular concerns or instructions please tell the operator. Lifting your vessel from the water has not changed. You must have correctly located lift marks on your hull if you wish to avoid damage to under water appendages. For your safety please do not enter the area of the lift footprint while in operation. Slipping slings on a greasy bottom can cause injury or death. Please respect the direction of staff trained to do the job. If you have any particular features you feel the operator should know about please tell him.

Bottom Washing: In order to keep the travel-lift working most boats will be staged for washing. Boat washing will be done in the cradle for all boats with cradles. Power boats will be temporarily blocked and washed. For safety reasons blocked or supported parts of the hull will not be washed. Boats which are required to be washed in the slings will not have sling areas washed. These boats also will have extended haulout time as the travel-lift will be unable to do other work.

Moving To Storage Location: Once your boat is in the cradle your haulout time allotment is done. The boat will be moved to a storage location considering your spring launch expectations. Certain storage areas such as the lower yard crane area and the member parking lot will be launched early to free up parking and work space as quickly as possible. If you are in these areas you will be notified of your launch date.

A General Note on Safety: There are numerous places during the haulout process that can place you or staff in an unsafe position. For your safety please stay clear of all lifting equipment and their suspended loads. Please heed all direction by staff. Staff members are trained to stop work if a situation becomes unsafe.

Children and pets are not permitted in the yard during the haulout operation.

From time to time traffic will be restricted to the yard to ensure safety or prevent congestion creating work slowdown. When the yard is open please drive slowly. Ladders have caused numerous injuries to members so please secure and use them properly. During mast un-stepping it is imperative to keep hands clear of the mast butt as the slightest movement from waves or crew can crush fingers. Slipping slings while usually not harmful to the boat can also severely injure anyone close to the boat.

Winterizing: Please remember your contractors are required to report in with communications showing proof of liability insurance. Your insurance and the club's insurance may be jeopardized by an uninsured accident.

Parking: As parking is at a premium during weekend haulout times, we ask you not to park in the Fire Routes around the Club. Ample parking can be had outside the Club premises in the South Municipal parking area. In the past, Club members have been ticketed by the City Parking Control Enforcement Officers because they parked illegally in the Fire Routes.

We hope to make this a smooth and trouble free fall haulout and look forward to assisting you in your preparations.

Peter Hager
Harbourmaster