

# Launching

Observations

From the Road Trailer.

Damage seems to occur during the final phase of launch on a flood or ebb tide across the slipway.

To mitigate this I propose the following when launching or recovering onto a road trailer.

For launch procedure.

1. Position the trailer so the the stern of the skiff is aimed with the flow as much as the slipway allows and chock wheels
2. Crew should wind up the height adjuster to maximum, thus lowering the skiffs stern.
3. Disconnect the winch tie strap.
4. A crew member take hold of the painter to control skiff after it has completely left the trailer.
5. Start to slide skiff into water controlling the stern & if possible stepping on to the trailer to hold it down.
6. When stern is safely afloat, hold skiff, if required to reposition crew.
7. Ensure rear of trailer is still held down,
8. Push the skiff off quickly to prevent the tide swinging the bow.
9. Pull trailer up the slip, as far as is required.
10. Crew member in charge of the painter, pulls skiff back to the slipway, ready for crew to board & to-coils the painter.

Recovery.

1. Position the trailer so the the rear of the trailer is aimed with tidal flow as much as the slipway allows. Chock wheels front & rear.
2. Ensure to wind up the height adjuster to maximum, thus lowering the trailers rear.
3. Ensure all rollers are correctly aligned to receive skiff.
4. Line up skiff with trailer central roller
5. With a crew member on either side of the bow, & other spaced either side.
6. Lift bow onto rear roller and pull skiff forward to middle roller.
7. Readjust crew position towards the stern then lift stern and push forward ensuring skiff remains central to trailer.
8. Attache trailer strap and tighten.
9. Remove chocks, and push trailer & skiff off the slipway.