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# Wakatipu Anglers Club Trailer & Launch Checklist

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## Before Trailing

- ⇒ Retrieve keys from lockbox at Don's house (23 McBride St, Frankton)
- ⇒ Unlock boat storage container located at QT Yacht Club
- ⇒ Manually pull boat out of storage container until free of the doors
- ⇒ Confirm amount of fuel in tank (it should be full) and cap/vent are closed
- ⇒ Secure trailer onto vehicle hitch (ensure correct ball size is used: 1 7/8 inch)
- ⇒ Raise trailer jockey wheel and lock in place
- ⇒ Attach trailer safety chain to vehicle tow bar
- ⇒ Plug in electrical connector for trailer lights
- ⇒ Check that all running lights—brakes, turn signals—work properly
- ⇒ Ensure boat tie-down strap is tight and secure
- ⇒ Check boat for any loose gear that could fly out

## Before Launching In Water

- ⇒ Scope launching area on foot to ensure it is clear of potential hazards
- ⇒ Screw-in external and internal boat plugs in transom
- ⇒ Remove engine cover and stow in car
- ⇒ Remove tie-down strap and stow in car
- ⇒ Remove covers to radio and chart plotter and stow in car
- ⇒ Raise and secure radio antenna
- ⇒ Turn ON boat battery (located below steering wheel pilothouse)
- ⇒ Raise motor and disengage tilt lock lever (may require using power tilt button)
- ⇒ Open fuel cap vent knob to avoid vacuum lock and pump bulb to initiate fuel
- ⇒ When ramp is clear, back boat into water
- ⇒ Remove boat winch safety chain
- ⇒ Have one person hold the bow line
- ⇒ Loosen trailer winch and remove hook from bow eye
- ⇒ Push boat into the water and secure to a wharf or tie to shore
- ⇒ Park tow vehicle and trailer in safe location
- ⇒ Skipper and all passengers are to don life jackets before setting out
- ⇒ Load equipment and stow securely before setting out

- ⇒ Lower motor as water depth allows and start motor if/when deep enough

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# Return & Storage Checklist

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## Take Out

- ⇒ Scope launching area ensuring it is clear of potential hazards and other boaters
- ⇒ Raise motor and turn motor off, before beaching or when at wharf.
- ⇒ Retrieve vehicle and trailer and place trailer in water deep enough for boat
- ⇒ Position boat on to trailer, secure winch rope to bow eye and winch boat in
- ⇒ **Secure boat winch safety chain.**
- ⇒ Pull boat trailer from the water and drive to a clear area free of traffic
- ⇒ **Engage motor tilt lock lever and lower motor to rest / trailer position**
- ⇒ Turn wheel to the left so motor rests to the left-hand side of the boat.
- ⇒ **Turn OFF battery and close fuel tank cap vent**
- ⇒ Replace covers on radio and chart plotter
- ⇒ Lower and secure radio antenna
- ⇒ **Unscrew external and internal boat plugs in transom to drain water**
- ⇒ Replace engine cover
- ⇒ **Install tie-down strap to secure boat tightly on trailer**
- ⇒ Stow life jackets in lockers and remove any loose gear

## Before Trailing

- ⇒ Check that all running lights—brakes, turn signals—work properly
- ⇒ Check boat for any loose gear that could fly out
- ⇒ **Ensure back tie-down strap is tight and secure**
- ⇒ Photograph any damage and email the club immediately
- ⇒ **Wash down the boat inside and out so it's ready for next use**

## **Stop at a petrol station and refill fuel tank with 91-grade fuel**

## Storage

- ⇒ Hang any wet items like life jackets to dry, do not leave them in lockers
- ⇒ **Lower motor and let water drain out before putting in storage container**
- ⇒ Unhitch boat trailer after positioning boat in front of container
- ⇒ Manually push—**do not drive with vehicle**—boat into storage container
- ⇒ **Consider: Is the boat in a condition that is ready to take out by a member?**
- ⇒ Replace lock on container door
- ⇒ **Replace keys in lockbox at Don's house (23 McBride St, Frankton)**