

# Cradle Management and Winter Storage

## Cradle

Note: The following applies to cradles that are stored in the club storage yard. If your cradle is stored elsewhere you are responsible for bringing it to the club and setting it up either at the end of cradle day or at some time before haul out. (not on the day of haul out)

- Ensure your cradle is sound
- All structural components are in place, not damaged, free from heavy rust that may weaken the structure
- All fasteners are in place and tight
- Paint your cradle, show some pride!
- Note: there will be one day in the fall designated as "cradle day" All cradles will be brought from the storage area by a highly trained crew of members and positioned in the yard in accordance with the master plan created by the Docks executive team.
- Mark clearly "BOW" "boat name" or "owners name" so that the haul out crew know where to place your cradle and in which direction. If your cradle is not so marked by "cradle day" you must be at the club to guide the crew as to your cradle identity and where the pointy end is and to apologize profusely. If your cradle is not marked by the end of cradle day a junior member of the club will do this for you for a token fee of \$25.00
- Ensure the keel support structure on your cradle is sound and all spacer lumber is sound and in place
- Determine the correct location of the final resting position of your keel and mark it on your cradle so that the haul out crew can see it clearly and position your boat correctly.
- Level your cradle latterly
- If you want to raise the bow end of your cradle to encourage draining ensure the lumber you use is sound and adequate for the support.
- Ensure your cradle frame is fully supported around its perimeter
- Place the support pads into your cradle and make sure the adjustable mechanism is free and easily moved
- Back the adjusting mechanism (usually screws) off a few inches to allow for final adjustments as your boat settles into position. Note: the pads are not designed to take the weight of the boat but to provide lateral support . If pads are too tight they may cause damage to your hull.