

PLYC Crane Day Preparations for Keel Boats

All keel boat owners who plan to take advantage of the craning operations need to be well prepared ahead of time, as follows:

- Masts must be down and cradled on the boat or taken away to a shore position.
- Bow and stern lines of a minimum length of 10 feet must be supplied by the boat owner and attached to the boat on both port and starboard. (4 lines)
- Hang fenders on both port and starboard sides of your boat ahead of time and ensure your motor is in operating order. If your motor is not in order, please contact the commodore ahead of time.
- Cribs will have to be placed ahead of time in an order as prescribed by the crane crew and director advisor. Trailers will be loaded in order of the storage position.
- Cash must be in hand on crane day. At the end of the lifting day cash refunds *may* be made, depending on the length of time the crane needs to be on site. If we keep an orderly day, it is best for all of us.
- Winter storage fee is due on or before the date of "Boats Out". Please bring a cheque payable to Pigeon Lake Yacht Club, or send an e-transfer to plyctreasurer.bobcaygeon@gmail.com. The security question is "Our Bay", answer is "Stumpy".

Keelboat Lifting Guidelines (Craning Day)

Guidelines for craning of keel boats is necessary for the liability of the club and its directors as well as the safety of all of those involved in the day's operations. As such, the following expectations will be in place for the day:

1. A four person crew with hardhats will be formed to work with the crane operator and their assistant. They will handle strapping the boats and tether lines.
2. Owners or agents can help with direction, location of straps and handling of their boat only. All others are expected to keep a clear distance of 20 meters from all craning operations. If an owner or agent of a boat chooses to rely upon our experienced handling crew for the operation, that is acceptable. That being said, a representative should be present for all boats to be craned.
3. Boats can be piloted to and from the craning dock position by the owner or a trusted agent. If an agent is not available the craning crew director will assist in finding a capable pilot.
4. Owners or agents are responsible for approval of final resting positions of their boat on bunks, keel, and supports for both trailers and cradles, before crane straps are removed.
5. All visitors are asked to remain outside the 20 meter perimeter of the craning operation. It is a strong request that children under 10 and pets be discouraged from attendance.

A reminder to all, that crane operation can be a very dangerous operation and is not to be taken lightly. Thank you all for your consideration and cooperation.

Commodore Tom Lycett and the directors of PLYC