

Launch

First and foremost, pulling off to the side to prepare your vessel before launch exhibits ramp courtesy. Put everything you need into the boat before you get on the ramp.

Disconnect all tie-downs, remove the boat cover and and install the drain plug.

Ask everyone if they need to use the bathroom!

Everyone out of the vehicle.

Lower the windows and remove your seat belt so you can get out if the vehicle ends up in the water.

Disconnect the Trailer Lights

Make sure the ramp is clear and begin backing the trailer (pull back up to correct if the trailer jack-knives)

At the waters edge stop, put the vehicle in park, set the brake, and remove the winch strap from the bow eye

If applicable from the launch dock, have someone hold the docklines or drive the boat to the dock.

Clip your winch line to the back of the trailer and go park your vehicle

Retrieval

Get to the ramp area and exit the boat. Leave all the items you packed from the tow vehicle in the boat. Someone should stay with the boat as it may need to be moved for others to Launch or Retrieve their boat.

Nobody should be riding the boat up the ramp.

Slowly back the trailer into the water. The least amount of trailer in the water the better but enough to load the boat

Center the bow on the trailer and hook up the winch. Winch the boat onto the trailer

Once in place secure the boat with a tie down and remove the drain plug. Clear the ramp to an area where you can finish

Remove everything you loaded into the boat and finish prepping for transport.

CLEAN, DRAIN, and DRY your boat and inspect for invasive species such as plants, and wildlife species.