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Launching the Stabi-Craft Sandgate 2

1.0 Introduction

This document sets out the steps to be taken when undertaking the task of retrieving the Stabi-Craft Sandgate 2.

2.0 References

SOP OPE009

3.0 Detailed Information

- a) This vessel is housed under the main Clubhouse next to the Office. Using a Members or Skippers key, unlock the sliding glass door to the Members area. Using your Skippers key, unlock the hinged door to the left as you enter the Members area and you will gain entry to the boat storage area. If lighting is required, the light switch is on the inside wall to the right of this door. Release the roller door catch on the door in front of the vessel and the vessel can be moved out.
- b) Manually roll the boat & trailer forward and out of the garage making sure that as you roll the boat out the windscreen clears the door head and the trailer guards clear the door jambs. A "Trailer Dolly" is provided for this purpose – see SOP OPE009.
- c) Once out from under the building, reverse the towing vehicle to the tow coupling of the trailer and connect, making sure the coupling is fully engaged. Connect the safety chain.

NOTE: for towing within the premises it is not necessary to have the trailer light socket connected. If the rig is to be taken onto the street then this plug must be connected.

- d) Tow the boat and trailer from the shed to the concrete apron outside and carry out the pre-departure checks (SOP VES010), insert drain plugs, raise the Targa top and canopy and insert the pins and safety clips on each side, raise radio aerials, switch the "HOUSE" & "RADIO" battery switches to "on".

NOTE: do not switch the "parallel" switch on, this is for emergency use only), release tie downs, fully tilt the motor, secure launching paynter then drive to the boat ramp. The fuel tanks will be full and in the vessel.

- e) Reverse the trailer down the boat ramp until there is sufficient water to launch (usually water just below the axle).
- f) Disconnect the winch safety chain, wind the winch up to take the pressure off the ratchet and release the ratchet pawl, taking care not to let go of the winch handle. As you unwind the winch, the boat should slide off the trailer. Once in the water the winch cable can be unhooked off the bow and the boat manoeuvred using the paynter.
- g) Remove the trailer the trailer from the ramp and park.
- h) Perform motor start up as per SOP VES019.



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4.0 Summary

The above procedures should ensure the safety of all personnel who use this equipment while, at the same time, avoiding costly damage to the equipment.