

It's been another wonderful summer for boating on Lake Champlain, and we're so happy to have shared it with all of you. It's time to fill out WINTER STORAGE FORMS, schedule haul-out, and plan boat projects for the winter. Please take a few minutes to review this checklist, then call the marina ASAP to get your haul-out date scheduled on the calendar before October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please fill out your WINTER STORAGE FORMS, and return the forms to us before your haul-out date. Forms will also be available on our website, [www.laddslandingmarina.com](http://www.laddslandingmarina.com).

### **HAUL-OUT & STORAGE CHECKLIST**

- Winter Storage Forms** – Please fill out a POWER/SAIL WINTER STORAGE & SERVICES REQUEST form for your POWER or SAIL boat as applicable and a WINTER STORAGE AGREEMENT form, attached with this checklist, and return them to us before your scheduled haul-out – we need them to know what you need for haul-out and winter prep. Forms are also available on our website under the FORMS tab.
- Tie-up** – As always, but particularly in the late summer and early fall, when the north winds often blow, be sure your boat is well tied and fendered at the docks. Each boat should at least have 1/2" or larger diameter bow and stern lines, and 2 strong and long spring-lines opposing each other, tied along the length of the boat.
- Haul-out** – Schedule your haul-out date ASAP to get your preferred date, as we can only haul about 8-10 boats per day and the docks close on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you're coming to the marina from away, it's okay to come to the marina for haul-out after October 1<sup>st</sup> but please call to let us know your plan – and the bridge is only on regular hourly opening schedule through 10/15/19. Also note that we try to schedule all haul-outs Mondays thru Thursdays, with Fridays as make-up days.

Note: For sailboats >9K lbs, Craneday #1 is scheduled for Wednesday 9/18/19, and Craneday #2 is scheduled for Tuesday 10/1/19 – Craneday boats please let us know which day you'd like to haul-out. If you're sailing in from your mooring or dock elsewhere, please call us in advance with your sail plan.

- Fuel-up** – We recommend leaving the tank about 7/8<sup>th</sup> full for winter storage (with non-ethanol gas or diesel) to avoid problems with condensation in fuel tank - but don't fuel up to the tippy-top because your vent may leak fuel in the spring as temps warm.
- Pump-out** – Please pump out your boat's holding tank before your scheduled haul-out date, or indicate on your WINTER STORAGE & SERVICES REQUEST form to have the marina do it for you.
- Cradles** – If you have a cradle in the yard, please be sure that the cradle is sound, that the pads are in good shape, and that the cradle is clearly labeled with your surname (and old names are sprayed-out). Also be sure ladders and other equipment are not padlocked to the cradle, which get in the way for haul-out.
- Stands** - If you own your own yard stands, we ask that you round them up and clearly mark them with your surname. There are several hundred stands in the yard and it is hard to find particular stands if they aren't well marked and grouped.
- Dock lines, power chords, hoses & fenders** – After the boat has been hauled, all dock lines, power chords, hoses, fenders, biminis, sails, etc. should be removed from deck and stowed, else our crew will do it as part of winter services and you'll be billed accordingly . Also, be sure to remove any of these items that may have



remained on the docks as well.

- Small outboards – Small outboards need to be removed from your boat for the winter - either store it with us or take it home with you. Be sure to add gas stabilizer if any ethanol gas had been used in motor.
- Dingy storage - Please identify your dingy with surname written prominently using permanent marker, put it face-down on the dingy hill behind the bathhouse on blocks, and fill in appropriate info on WINTER STORAGE & SERVICES REQUEST form.
- Batteries – Batteries should be fully charged before winter lay-up. Note: Battery water levels should be checked regularly throughout the boating season, especially on boats that are left on charge for long periods of time at the docks. Our insurance company has asked us to get out of the battery storage business, so we recommend that batteries be fully charged to stay in place on the boat, and be disconnected for winter after haul-out and winterization. Boats winterized by the marina will be disconnected after winterization is complete.
- Halyards - Sailboat halyards should be secured so that they do not slap against the mast or other rigging - this not only reduces noise in the boatyard, but also reduces wear on your gear.
- Bilges – Please make sure your bilge is pumped and sponged dry for the winter to avoid issues with mold/dampness or ice expansion.
- Equipment/valuables/etc. - It is a good idea to remove any electronics or valuables. We also suggest that you remove cushions and other soft items that are susceptible to moisture and mildew. Tip: Dryer fabric-softener sheets laid around in the boat for the winter may help to deter spiders and other potential critters and seem to keep the boat smelling fresh.
- Significant winter projects – Please let us know if you plan to be doing any significant work on your boat in the off-season (e.g., bottom sanding and painting) and if the boat needs to be positioned in the boatyard for access. Also let us know about any projects that you'd like us to do for you in the off season. Write either of these in the SPECIAL WINTERIZATION INSTRUCTIONS section on your WINTER STORAGE & SERVICES WORK REQUEST form or on a separate attached list.
- Spring launch – Let us know if you plan to be one of the first boats launched next spring, particularly if you hope to be in around opening day, May 15, or even by Memorial Day, as it may affect where we place your boat in the boatyard. Write this in the EXPECTED SPRING LAUNCH DATE section near the top of the WINTER STORAGE & SERVICES WORK REQUEST form.

Fair winds, from the crew at Ladd's Landing Marina & Northland Boat Shop

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PS – Please pay off your Store “On-Account Book” balance, if any, at the cash register. We really appreciate it if you pay off this balance regularly in the store during the summer season, e.g., at the end of each weekend. We do not want to have to spend the time/resources to invoice you and mail bills for this convenience service. – handling fees may be applied for “On-Account Book” balances not paid in store at register by the end of the season.

