

Ribble Cruising Club

Winch Operations Check List



The winch operator is required to carry out the check list for all launching and haul out operations

Preparation
1. Plan operation and brief assistants
2. Apply lubricating oil to all winch shaft bush galleries (Winch1)
3. Place warning signs ahead of winch cable area on access road
4. Place traffic barriers when cable is moving
5. Perform visual check on cable, turning block, chains and shackles for signs of abrasion or damage.
6. Check for correct attachment of turning block to ground anchor and correct closure of turning block sheave cage
7. Place cable rollers and dampers
Launching and Haul Out
1. Perform visual check on trailer for structural integrity and suitability.
2. Check Vessel Spring ropes for suitability and tension(launching).
3. Check attachment of chain bridle to trailer and cable.
4. Check vessel bow and stern lines and trailer recovery lines are attached
5. Place traffic barriers whilst cable is moving
6. Check trailer does not cross safety line without cable attached
7. Place timber or roller under cable on top edge of slip to reduce cable abrasion
Haul out Only
As vessel hull clears water:
1. Check vessel is correctly positioned on cradle
2. Check Spring ropes are taut
Cable Recovery
1. Inspect cable for damage and clean/lubricate as necessary
2. Replace Drum Protective Cover (Winch 1)
3. Remove any warning signs and traffic control barriers
4. Switch off master power switch and lock control cabinets (winch 1)
5. Switch off winch circuit breakers and lock power distribution cupboard
6. Complete the winch operators log making note of any issues