GAVIOTA
STATE PARK

Boat Hoist

OPERATOR'S TRAINING HANDBOOK

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Finally, we want to express our appreciation to you, our boating visitors, for your patience during this latest in a series of frustrating challenges with the boat hoist. We anticipate that these latest improvements signal a new period of improved reliability and service to you.

California State Parks exists, in part, to create opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation. This boat hoist with its associated improvements is a tangible demonstration of our continuing commitment to provide you access to these opportunities. We welcome your comments and suggestions and thank you for your continuing support.

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Gaviota State Park Boat Hoist Operator Training. All prospective hoist users are required to complete this training. Successful completion of this training requires you to do four things:

1. Demonstrate your knowledge of proper hoist operation.
2. Demonstrate your ability to safely and correctly launch and retrieve your vessel.
3. Demonstrate that your vessel and associated equipment meet all safety and other legal requirements.
4. Agree to abide by hoist operating policies and park regulations.

Once you have successfully completed this training, your name will be added to a "Passed Training" Roster and you will be authorized to operate the hoist.

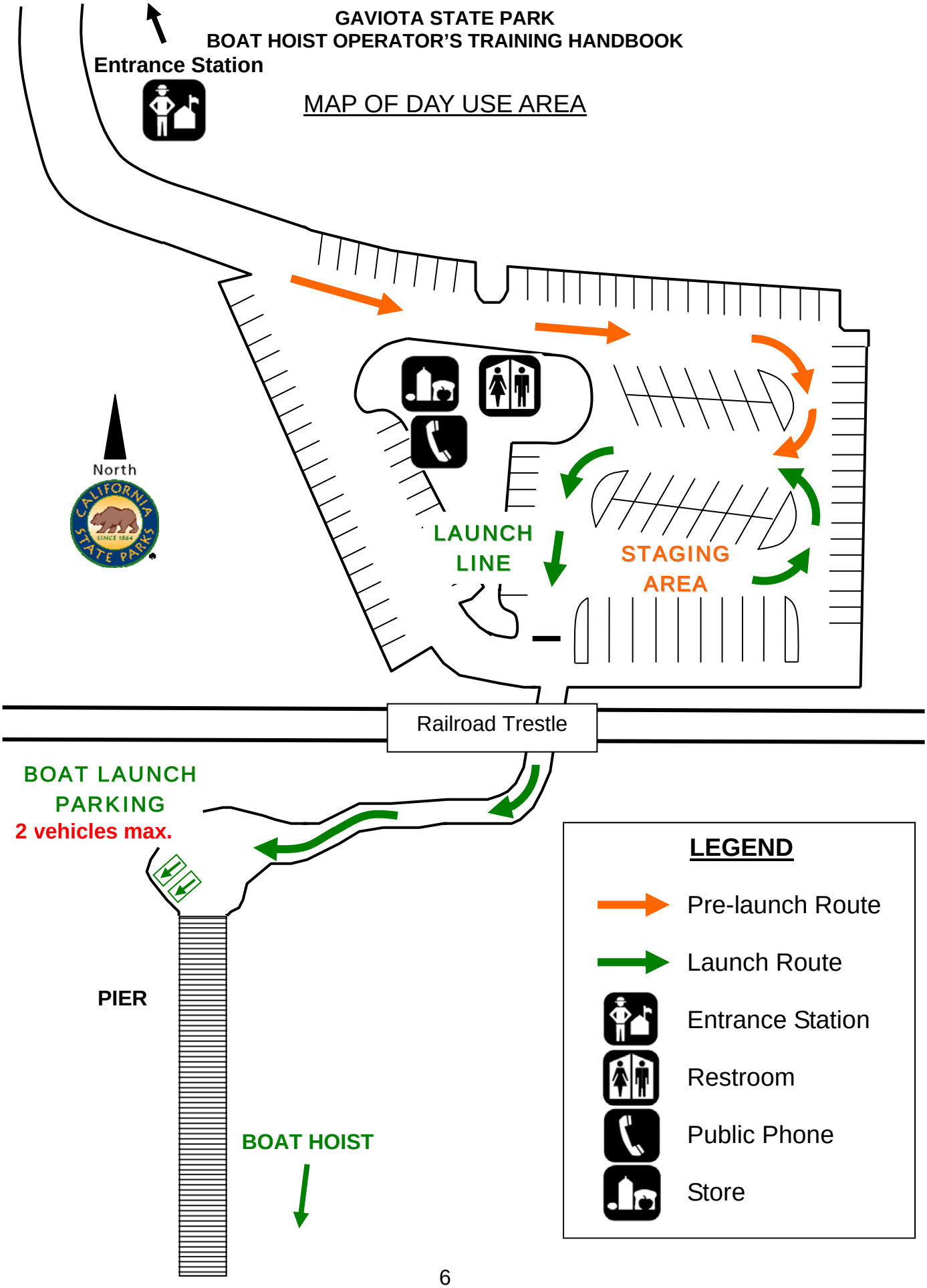
Vessel owners who successfully complete this training and whose vessel passes the safety & equipment inspection will be issued a Hoist Operator Card matched to the vessel's CF number. This card will activate the hoist via a proximity card reader during regular park hours throughout the year. This card is assigned to the vessel and is only to be used to launch and retrieve that vessel.

Vessel owners may allow others who have also completed this training to use their Operator Card to launch the vessel to which the card is assigned. Owners are responsible for ensuring that only those persons who have successfully completed Hoist Operator Training operate the hoist. California State Parks may revoke an Operator Card and deny access to the hoist at any time if a hoist user fails to follow proper hoist operating practices and/or fails to observe applicable laws and regulations.

By following the procedures you learn in this course, you will help ensure that the boat hoist at Gaviota State Park continues to provide you and your fellow boaters with access to some of the best ocean recreation along the California coast. You also contribute to a safe and enjoyable recreational experience for everyone at Gaviota State Park.

ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION

MAP OF DAY USE AREA



HOURS AND FEES

Welcome to Gaviota State Park.
After you enter the park, proceed to the entrance station.

Day Use Hours

7:00 AM – Sunset

Park Day Use Fees

Vehicles: $8.00
Vessels: $8.00 (hoist and beach launching)

Annual Passes

Vehicles: $125.00
Vessels: $75.00

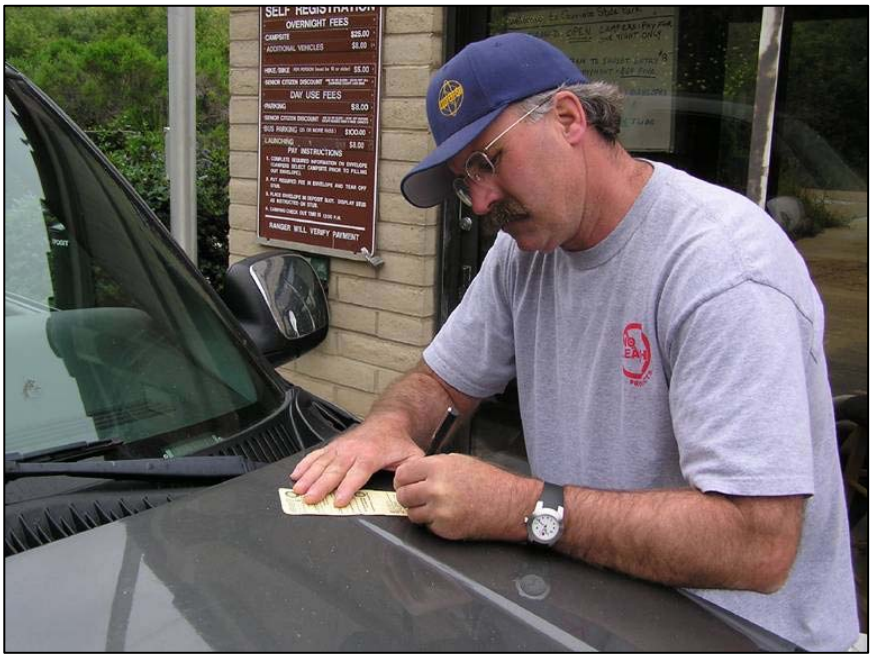
REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

When the entrance station is staffed, a park employee or volunteer will assist you with registration and payment of fees. While you are registering, look for additional informational updates about the hoist or park conditions on the entrance station's dry erase board.

When the entrance station is not staffed, the park is run on a "Self Serve" basis.

Retrieve one of the registration envelopes from the green metal box, and use this to register for the day and pay your fees.

Rangers stop by periodically to check vehicles for verification of fee payment.



Fill out the envelope completely and place the correct fees into the envelope. Seal the envelope and tear off the receipt from the top.

Place your registration envelope into the "Iron Ranger," the green metal tube next to the northwest corner of the entrance station next to the flag pole. Be sure you place the envelope far enough into the slot that it drops to the bottom of the tube.

Place your receipt "face up" so that it is clearly visible on the driver's side of your vehicle's dashboard.

PRE-LAUNCH PROCEDURES

TRAFFIC FLOW & PARKING

Once you have registered and paid your fees, proceed to the vessel staging area located in the park's day use parking lot.

Drive into the park and follow the signs to the day use parking lot.

Please remember that the maximum vehicle speed limit in the park is 15 mph.

Follow the signs to the day use parking lot.

Park in one of the vehicle/trailer spaces provided.

VESSEL PREPARATION

All loading of gear and vessel preparation must be done while parked in these spaces. Use this time to ensure that your vessel is launch-ready prior to moving into the Launch Line.

DO NOT ENTER THE LAUNCH LINE TO ACCESS THE PIER UNTIL YOU ARE FULLY PREPARED TO LAUNCH YOUR VESSEL.

REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

All vessels launched at Gaviota State Park must have all safety equipment required by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). This includes, but is not limited to, the following items:

- Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for each vessel occupant (USCG Approved).
- Audible distress signal (USCG Approved).
- Visual distress signal (USCG Approved).
- Fire extinguisher (USCG Approved).
- Throwable Flotation Device (vessels over 16 feet)
- Anchor with sufficient rope.

Check expiration dates on safety flares and extinguishers.

VESSEL REGISTRATION

All vessels launched at Gaviota State Park must display current registration and properly affixed CF numbers.

Beach-launched vessels must also carry the required safety equipment and display current registration and CF numbers.

CERTIFIED LIFTING SLING & HARDWARE

Attach your ANSI-stamped and rated sling to your vessel. Inspect your vessel's lifting points for wear or damage. Make sure that the gear onboard your vessel does not impede your sling in any way and that each sling leg has no knots, twists or kinks.

All hardware connected to any part of the sling or hoist hook must be STAMPED and rated for the proper Working Load Limit (WLL) and be designed for vertical lifting. When purchasing hardware, check to make sure it is not labeled "Not designed for lifting."

Example of stamped and rated shackle with screw pin approved for use at Gaviota State Park.

Example of stamped and rated nylon lifting sling leg.

Correct sling/shackle orientation. Check your sling and all lifting components prior to each launch and retrieval of your vessel.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

While not required in order to use park facilities, California State Parks strongly recommends that every vessel have an onboard VHF marine radio for emergency communication. Use Channel 16 to contact Coast Guard if you have an emergency while underway. If you do not have a radio, a cell phone can be used.

Recommended equipment:

- VHF marine radio or cell phone
- Paddle, oars or small back-up motor
- Bailing device

VESSEL CHECKLIST

Use your time in the day use parking area to fully prepare your vessel.

Before moving to the Launch Line, check the following items:

- ☐ Transom plug is installed.
- ☐ Control line is attached correctly and of sufficient length (50 ft minimum)
- ☐ Fuel level is sufficient for trip.
- ☐ Bow and stern trailer tie-downs are removed.
- ☐ Required safety equipment is on board and working properly.
- ☐ Key is in ignition.
- ☐ Trip Itinerary Form has been completed and submitted to State Parks staff.

LAUNCH LINE & PIER APPROACH

When your vessel is ready for launching, drive your vehicle and boat around to the Launch Line and wait in this location until one of the two parking spaces at the pier is available. While in the Launch Line, park so as not to impede traffic flow and wait your turn.

There are only two parking spaces for hoist users at the pier, and only two vehicles are allowed at the base of the pier at any one time.

Once you enter the Launch Line, wait for your turn. This is a first-come, first-served operation.

When it is your turn to pull up to the base of the pier, proceed up the road and park in one of the two spaces provided. Remember that other boaters are waiting in the Launch Line for their turn, so make every effort to be expedient, but do so safely. All you should have to do at this time is park, remove your trailer from your vehicle and prepare to walk it out to the hoist area.

The two parking spaces at the foot of the pier are for vehicles with boats ONLY.

Do not block or use the Handicapped parking area east of the boat launch parking spaces.

TRANSFERRING VESSEL TO HOIST

Hook your dolly to your boat trailer and prepare to head out onto the pier to the hoist launch area. Before starting out, check to make sure that space is available. A maximum of two vessels are permitted on the pier at the same time.

Before you leave your vehicle, be sure it is locked and the windows are rolled up.

IMPORTANT!

Park your vehicle where it does not block access to the pier by emergency vehicles or other boat trailers.

As you push or pull your boat out onto the pier, please stay in the middle of the decking and be aware of your surroundings. There are many visitors who use the pier, and on a busy day, space can get tight.

As you proceed to the Launch Zone, watch for children, pets and fishing poles or other equipment. Be aware of your trailer and its path. Remember, safety is the #1 concern for all visitors.

At the hoist, clear the Launch Zone of all other visitors. The Launch Zone is indicated by a solid 4-inch yellow line and signs,.

LAUNCHING YOUR VESSEL

PREPARING TO LAUNCH

Two people are required to launch a vessel: the Hoist Operator and the Control Line Attendant/Boat Operator.

Once your vessel is in position under the hoist, perform a short pre-launch inspection of the hoist components. Wave your User Proximity Card at the proximity reader to activate the hoist system. Once the hoist is activated, it remains on for 15 minutes. After 10 minutes, an alarm will sound to indicate that 5 minutes remain on the hoist timer.

The Hoist Operator should check all six hoist operating functions:

Hoist up / Hoist down
Jib right / Jib left
Trolley in / Trolley out

Two hoist speeds are available with the hoist up/down control buttons: Partial Activation = slow speed, Full Activation = high speed.

CAUTION

Do not attempt to operate the hoist if it is not operating properly.
Report malfunctions to State Park staff.

Activate the hoist electrical system by passing your Hoist User Card in front of the Proximity Card Reader as shown.

Once activated, the system will remain on for 15 minutes. A horn will sound after 10 minutes have elapsed. If you will not be able to complete the vessel launch or retrieval within the remaining 5 minutes, deactivate the system by pushing the black button below the rectangular card reader. Re-activate the system with your User Card.

When you have completed the launch, push the de-activation button so the warning horn does not sound.

REMINDER

Each Hoist User Card is assigned to one vessel and is only to be used with that vessel. In addition, only authorized Hoist Users may operate the Hoist. Use of the card by unauthorized users or to launch/retrieve a different vessel can result in the card and Hoist access privilege being revoked.

The system light activates when the hoist system is energized for use.

Once you have inspected the hoist and tested the hoist operating functions, lower the hoist hook and attach your vessel's sling to it. Attach your control line to your boat so that you can control it as it begins to lift up from the trailer.

Using the slow speed, slowly raise the hoist hook until your sling is tight and all of the slack is removed. Stop the hoist. Check to make sure that your sling legs are not twisted.

Double-check your sling attachment/vessel lifting points. Make sure that your shackles are not inverted and that your sling is unimpeded as it rises up out of the vessel.

Direct the Hoist Operator so that the hoist is vertically centered over the vessel/load and will lift the vessel straight up off the trailer. All control lines must be a continuous line attached at the bow and the stern and be a minimum of 50 ft in length.

Prior to lifting the vessel, observe weather conditions, swell height and direction, and wind speed and direction. Ensure that the vessel's motor or out drive is lowered as far as possible.

LAUNCHING THE VESSEL

Once the vessel is ready for hoisting but prior to hoisting it, the Hoist Operator will alert the Control Line Attendant that hoisting is about to begin. During hoist operation, the Hoist Operator will focus on crane/hoist operation only.

Lift the vessel no more than 6 inches off the trailer. Stop the hoist. At this time, check for the following:

- ☐ The load is level, secure and steady.
- ☐ The sling lifting rings are seated fully in the throat of the hooks (no point loading) and the sling legs are properly positioned.

As the Hoist Operator begins to lift the vessel, the Control Line Attendant will take charge of the control line. The line must be attached to the bow and stern of the vessel for efficient, maximum control.

Continue to raise the vessel using the slow hoist speed.

The Control Line Attendant steadies and controls the vessel as it lifts off the trailer.

The Control Line Attendant maintains the vessel in a "bow out" position.

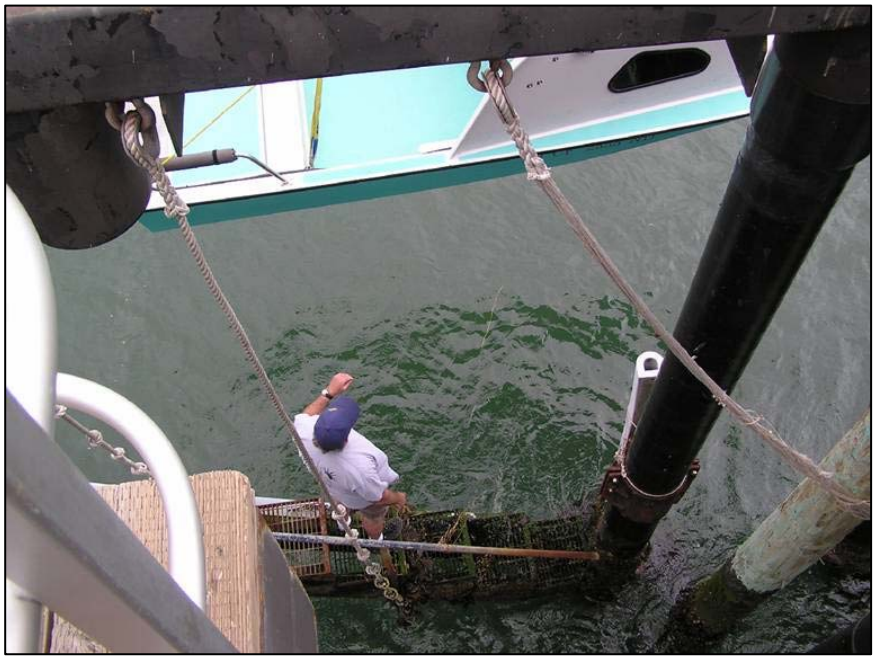
The Hoist Operator ensures that the vessel has cleared the pier safety rail before starting to lower it to the water.

CAUTION

The pier at Gaviota State Park often experiences excessive winds. Maintain control over your vessel at all times.

Once the vessel has cleared the safety rail, the Control Line Attendant/Boat Operator hands the control line to the Hoist Operator and moves to the bottom of the gangway. The Hoist Operator continues to control the vessel from the deck of the pier while lowering the vessel to the water.

The Hoist Operator continues to maintain control of the vessel until it is low enough to transfer the control lines to the Boat Operator.



The Boat Operator should stage on the lower gangway and wait for the boat to be lowered.

State Parks staff recommends that you wear a PFD while waiting to transfer to or from your vessel.

When the vessel is low enough, the Hoist Operator transfers the control lines to the Boat Operator.

CAUTION

During periods of larger swells, the final stairway is periodically submerged. Stand high enough up the stairs to avoid a dangerous situation.

With the vessel positioned about 5 feet above the swell crest, observe the swells and wait for a calm period. As a swell crest passes under the vessel, begin lowering the vessel using the highest "hoist down" speed until the vessel settles into the swell trough. Do not stop hoisting down until sling(s) are slackened or the Boat Operator signals "Stop".

Final lowering into the water should be performed at the highest "hoist down" speed only.

CAUTION

It is extremely important to time the lowering of the vessel to coincide with a swell trough in order to minimize shock or side loading to the hoist. Wave shock and side loading have been major causes of hoist failure in the past.

As the vessel is being lowered, the Boat Operator should coil up excess line so that it does not foul the vessel's propeller. DO NOT have the Hoist Operator throw/toss the line out over the railing into the water. The control lines should be attended to at all times.

NEVER BOARD THE VESSEL WHILE IT IS SUSPENDED IN THE AIR.

When the vessel is safely in the water, pull it along side the landing stairs and make entry. Ensure that the engine starts before removing the sling(s) from the hoist hook. When moving the vessel away from the pier, use caution to avoid fishing lines.

When the Boat Operator has moved the vessel away from the pier, the Hoist Operator raises the hoist hook, pushes the Hoist Deactivation Button, and readies the hoist for the next user. He/she then returns the boat trailer to the vehicle, attaches it and moves to the Day Use parking lot. Overnighters should park in the overflow area east of the entrance station.

The Boat Operator should move the vessel to a position safely away from the pier until the Hoist Operator returns.

VESSEL RETRIEVAL & DEPARTURE

RETRIEVING THE VESSEL

When you return from your trip, evaluate sea, wind and traffic conditions before approaching the pier. When safe to do so, position your vessel alongside the pier in a bow-out position. Transfer the Hoist Operator and any passengers to the landing/stairs so that they can retrieve your vehicle and trailer.

Wait in the Day Use parking lot until a parking space at the foot of the pier is available. Park in one of the two marked spaces, remove your trailer and transport it to the Launch Zone. Clear the Launch Zone of other visitors and position the trailer so that it is pointing toward shore.

During this time, the Boat Operator should move the vessel to a safe position 200-300 yards from the pier and prepare the sling.

Lower the hoist hook to the appropriate height. The Boat Operator should time the swell, affix the sling lifting ring to the hoist hook during a calm period, turn off the vessel engine, and move to the landing/stairs, taking the control line.

Hoist the vessel, using only the highest "hoist up" speed until the vessel is well clear of the water. As the vessel is raised, the Boat Operator should manage the control line so that the vessel remains parallel with the pier and in a bow-out position.

As the Hoist Operator continues to hoist the vessel, the Boat Operator maintains control of the vessel with the control line. When the vessel nears the railing, the Hoist Operator ensures that the Launch Zone is clear of other visitors.

The Control Line Attendant maintains control as the vessel swings toward the trailer, being careful to always keep clear of the vessel.

Be aware of your surroundings and instruct others who are not directly involved in retrieval activities to remain outside the Launch Zone.

<u>CAUTION</u>

NEVER ALLOW ANYONE TO WALK OR STAND UNDER THE RAISED VESSEL.

CAUTION

Afternoon winds along the Gaviota coastline are often excessive. Maintain control of your lines to ensure a safe retrieval.

Position the vessel directly over your trailer. Have a Deckhand reposition the trailer if it becomes necessary.

When the final vessel-to-trailer position has been verified, using the "slowest" hoist down speed, the Hoist Operator lowers the vessel onto the trailer, checking alignment as you do so.

IMPORTANT!
Do not approach the vessel or handle it until it is below shoulder height.

When the vessel rests on the trailer bunks and the alignment is correct, the Control Line Attendant removes the sling from the hoist hook. The Hoist Operator lifts the hoist hook away from the vessel and swings the jib arm out over the pier railing if the hoist is to be left unattended.

LEAVING THE PIER

Move your trailer and boat to the end of the wooden pier decking. Do NOT move it any further at this time.

Back your vehicle up to the tongue of your trailer.

CAUTION

Always watch for other pier users while backing your vehicle.

Load your gear promptly. Other boaters may be waiting to use the hoist,.

Attach your trailer to your vehicle. Connect the safety chains and trailer light connection. Proceed down the road to the Day Use parking lot.

PRE-DEPARTURE CHECK

De-stage your gear and ready your vehicle and trailer for highway travel.

Double check all connections and secure loose gear and equipment before you leave the park.

Have a safe trip home!

TRIP ITINERARY FORM

Gaviota State Park Vessel Hoist Services
Trip Itinerary Form

OWNER/ OPERATOR INFORMATION:

DATE: _____

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMERGENCY PHONE CONTACT: _____ PHONE #: _____

VEHICLE MAKE/ MODEL: _____

VEHICLE LICENSE #: _____ TRAILER LICENSE #: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (hoist status info): _____

VESSEL INFORMATION:

VESSEL NAME: _____ CF#: _____

VESSEL DESCRIPTION: (*color/make/type*)_____

VESSEL SIZE: _____*ft* VESSEL WEIGHT: _____ *tons*

ONBOARD CELL PHONE #: _____ NUMBER OF PASSENGERS: _____

ACTIVITY: ☐ FISH ☐ SURF ☐ DIVING ☐ OTHER: _____

RETURN DATE: _____ ☐ OVERNIGHT TRIP

Vessels launching from the Gaviota Hoist are required to have the minimum safety equipment including:

- A PFD in working condition for each passenger
- Audible distress signals (horn or whistle)
- Visual distress signals (flares-check expiration date)
- Fire extinguisher (check expiration date)

Recommended: VHF Radio and/or cellular phone
Anchor with sufficient rode

WARNING!

These waters are dangerous. Weather and sea conditions change rapidly. High velocity offshore winds can appear suddenly. Under these conditions, engine failure can result in being blown to sea. Be prepared with adequate ground tackle and Coast Guard required safety equipment. Only currently registered vessels with all required safety equipment are permitted to launch into State waters.

BOAT HOIST OPERATOR CHECKLIST

Hoist Operator's Name:_____

Date:_____ Instructor's Name:_____

Boat Hoist Operator Checklist	Complete & Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
Demonstrates proper Pre-Use Inspection:		
♦ Inspects block/hook for wear	☐	☐
♦ Inspects hoist chain	☐	☐
♦ Inspects control buttons	☐	☐
♦ Inspects emergency electrical disconnect	☐	☐
♦ Inspects catwalk & vessel boarding area	☐	☐
Demonstrates proper use of controls:		
♦ Trolley In	☐	☐
♦ Trolley Out	☐	☐
♦ Swing Right	☐	☐
♦ Swing Left	☐	☐
♦ Hoist Up	☐	☐
♦ Hoist Down	☐	☐
Demonstrates competency in basic maneuvering skills:		
♦ Starts and stops smoothly	☐	☐
♦ Jib arm swing smooth	☐	☐
♦ Scans effectively	☐	☐
Demonstrates competency in picking up a load:		
♦ Matches load with rated sling capacity	☐	☐
♦ Checks load for stability	☐	☐
Demonstrates competency in loading/unloading vessels		
♦ Checks trailer integrity	☐	☐
♦ Checks condition vessel lift points	☐	☐

Operator's Signature :_____ Date:_____

Instructor's Signature:_____ Date:_____

BOAT HOIST USER AGREEMENT (Front)

State of California – Department of Parks and Recreation

Gaviota State Park Boat Hoist User Agreement

(FRONT)

Vessel Owner/Operator Information

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ M.I. _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
PHONE NUMBER _____ EMERGENCY PHONE CONTACT _____
VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL _____ VEHICLE LICENSE _____
TRAILER LICENSE _____
EMAIL ADDRESS (hoist status info - optional) _____

Vessel Information

CF# _____ VESSEL NAME _____
DESCRIPTION AND SIZE _____
VESSEL WEIGHT (EMPTY) _____

Vessel and Equipment Worthiness Statement

By signing this document, I certify that:

1. My vessel has current California DMV registration, including CF numbers and current sticker.
2. My vessel meets all applicable California and U.S. Coast Guard requirements for recreational watercraft and boating safety equipment, including, but not limited to, Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) for each passenger, proper fire extinguisher, and both visual and audible distress signals (flares, horns, whistles, etc.).
3. My vessel's "fully loaded" weight, including all equipment, fuel and supplies, is less than two (2) tons.
4. All hoist slings, harnesses, rigging and hardware on my vessel meet American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) B30.26-2004 Crane & Hoist Standards applicable to my vessel, and are free from chafing, fraying, dry rot or other defects that might reduce their performance below their rated lifting capacity.
5. My slings are made of heavy duty nylon and are ANSI/ASME rated to lift my "fully loaded" vessel.
6. My vessel's pickup points are structurally sound with proper backing and weight distribution.
7. I have successfully completed the Gaviota State Park Boat Hoist Training Course and have been approved by the California Department of Parks and Recreation to operate the Gaviota boat hoist in both ideal and inclement weather.

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BOAT HOIST USER AGREEMENT (Back)

AGREEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

I have read, understand and agree to follow all rules, regulations and safety procedures related to the Gaviota State Park Boat Hoist (Hoist), including those outlined in the Gaviota State Park Boat Hoist Operator's Training Handbook. I understand that failure to follow any of those rules, regulations or procedures, or misuse of the Hoist Operator Card assigned to me and my vessel, can result in revocation of my permission from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation (State) to use the Hoist, and deactivation of my Operator Card.

I understand and acknowledge that there are risks associated with my use of the Hoist, including, but not limited to, malfunction of the equipment, adverse effects of the weather and other risks of which I am presently unaware. My use of the Hoist is voluntary and based on my independent assessment and acceptance of all risks associated with its use, without reliance on representations by the State, its agents or any other person.

In exchange for being allowed to use the Hoist, I hereby release, waive, relinquish and discharge all claims and legal actions that I might have for personal injury, wrongful death or property damage against the State arising from or in connection with my use of the Hoist; and I agree to save, protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its agents, employees, officers and representatives, from all claims, demands, actions or judgments that may be asserted or claimed by any person or entity arising out of or in any way connected with my use of the Hoist; this release, waiver and indemnification shall apply even if the State is negligent or otherwise at fault.

I understand that the effect of my signing this document is that I assume all risk of injury, death or property damages I might suffer in connection with using the Hoist; that I absolve and release the State from the consequences of its negligence; and that I will save, protect, hold harmless, indemnify and defend the State against any legal actions or other claims, including those of third parties, for damages arising from my actions. I understand that I am forfeiting important legal rights and incurring important legal responsibilities, and I voluntarily execute this agreement, waiver and release of claims with full knowledge of its significance. I agree that the terms of this document bind me, my heirs, assigns, executors and administrators.

_____ _____

Owner/Operator Signature **Date**

GENERAL HOIST REQUIREMENTS

- Only persons authorized by California State Parks may operate the hoist. Authorized users must be 18 years or older.
- Vessels must have current registration and safety equipment to use hoist: PFD for each passenger, audible distress signal, visual distress signal, anchor with sufficient rope, and fire extinguisher. (Recommended: VHF radio or cell phone).
- Maximum vessel weight limit is two tons, including all fuel, gear, etc. Know your vessel's total weight.
- Launching requires two people—a vessel operator and a trailer/vehicle operator.
- Vessel operator must provide ANSI-rated nylon sling with legible I.D. tag indicating maximum rated capacity. Each leg of sling and hardware must be rated to lift TWICE the weight of the vessel. Wire rope or rope and chain are no longer permitted.
- Vessel preparation prior to launch must be performed in the Staging Area (see plot map).
- Launching order follows a first-come, first-served sequence.
- No more than two vehicle/trailer rigs in Boat Launch Parking Area at one time.
- Park with front of vehicle facing west against the rail (see plot map).
- NO vehicles permitted on pier. Dolly required to move vessel to and from Launch Zone.
- Watch for conflicting traffic on pier before moving to or from Launch Zone.
- Guide line must be attached to vessel bow and stern. Line must be long enough to control vessel from deck to water level during launch and retrieval.
- NO persons are permitted in vessel during hoisting activity.
- Keep area beneath hoisted vessel clear of people and objects at all times.
- Avoid interfering with anglers and other pier users by approaching and departing hoist only within Launch Zone.
- For launching and retrieval by State Park staff, normal hoist operating hours are 8:00 A.M. to one hour before sunset, Saturday, and Sunday until further notice. Approved hoist operators with a key card may self-launch and retrieve seven days a week from 7:00 A.M. to one hour before sunset. Conditions may cause earlier closing.

WARNING!

WEATHER AND SEA CONDITIONS ALONG THE GAVIOTA COASTLINE CAN CHANGE RAPIDLY. HIGH VELOCITY WINDS CAN APPEAR SUDDENLY. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, ENGINE FAILURE CAN RESULT IN BEING BLOWN OUT TO SEA. BE PREPARED WITH ADEQUATE GROUND TACKLE AND COAST GUARD-REQUIRED EQUIPMENT.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S ORDER

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
CHANNEL COAST DISTRICT

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S ORDER No. 910-06-04

Gaviota State Park
Boat Hoist

1. **Effective immediately, to provide for the security, safeguarding, and preservation of persons and property, use of the Gaviota State Park boat hoist facility (Hoist) is restricted solely to those persons who have successfully completed the Boat Hoist User Training provided by the Channel Coast District (District) and have been authorized by District to use the Hoist. Use of the Hoist by unauthorized persons is prohibited.**

2. **Only authorized vessel owner/operators will be issued Hoist operator security key card for use at the Hoist. Use of a Hoist security key card to operate the Hoist except to launch/retrieve the vessel to which it is assigned, or use of the card by any unauthorized operator is strictly prohibited.**

3. **Violation of this Order is a misdemeanor and can result in confiscation of Hoist operator key card, denial of use of Hoist, and/or arrest.**

4. **Exceptions to this Order may be granted in writing by the District Superintendent, Channel Coast District, 911 San Pedro Street, Ventura, CA 93001.**

5. **Nothing herein shall affect any existing private contract or property rights.**

6. **Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law.**

So Ordered:

Original signed by Richard A. Rojas *10/12/2006*
Richard A. Rojas, District Superintendent Date

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergencies

Dial 911

Non-emergencies
(To report hoist malfunctions, etc.)

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