

A Simple Lifting Rig

All that's necessary to lift the boat is one lifting strap (12', 5000lb from Brafasco) and one homemade guide board.



The guide board is just a 2x12 with a hole for the straps to pass through. The hole is placed plum over the after keel bracket.

The edges that fit into the hatch groves are separate pieces of wood that are glued and screwed to the ends of the board.

I've added two riser blocks with some old cleats and fairleads attached. This allows securing the board firmly in the front of the hatch opening by running a line to the mast step, or somewhere else forward.

The aft keel bracket has an enlarged limber hole that allows the strap to be passed through.

Note that I've replaced the original steel keep brackets with heavier gauge stainless.

The boat is full of dead phantom midges!



Here is the rig fully in place except for the lines to secure the board in place.

I've found that the boat balances easily with this rig. Previously, I had tried to secure the lifting strap with lines run fore and aft and abeam in order to try to keep the boat balanced, but found that it was difficult to balance and it often required placing the motor and/or tank amidships to keep it balanced.

Of course, this type of a rig may not work for newer boats (mine it a Hinterhoeller #801)

Best of Luck
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