

## Launching without a dock

You have to control the boat from the ground. Here are a few tips:

- Use a longer bow line – 20 feet or so – and waders.
- Wear hip boots or waders so that you can enter the water.
- Make sure the bow line is strong and well secured.
- Secure the bow line to the trailer (winch post works well) then back in to the water until the boat just floats. Be sure the vehicle is in park and the emergency brake is on.
- Walk to the trailer, release the winch and unhook the winch strap from the boat. While holding the bow line, you will need to push the boat off the trailer and guide it around the trailer and back to shore.
- Use an anchor to secure the boat to shore while you park the vehicle. If wind is a factor, consider using a stern line or stern anchor to keep the boat straight on shore while you park the vehicle.
- If your boat is tall, consider using a ladder or step stool when entering and exiting.