

Preparing the Flying Scot to Leave:

- Hook boat trailer up to golf cart (securely ... i.e. check this!)
- Remove boat cover and stow in shed (fold front to back)
- Install drain plug, inspect rudder, mainsheet swivel, hull, rigging meat hooks and painter
- Verify checklist items; anchor, life jackets, whistle, winch cranks, oars, boat hook, bailer
- Install lifting harness (harness straddles the boom on both sides) – may already be on
- Maneuver boat under dock lifting winch – align trailer to wheel guides on dock
- Attach winch hook and lift to slightly tension the harness
- Unhook bow attachment from trailer winch (return trailer after boat is in the water)
- Lift and put boat into the water – crew helps guide/push boat gunwales, painter in hand
- Move boat to end of pier using the painter and shroud – push shroud, don't pull
- Tie off at the end of the pier – remove and stow lifting harness forward
- Free main sheet, jib sheets, centerboard pennant, tiller tie-down and slacken boom vang
- Rudder down, centerboard halfway and loosen boom vang so boom can be lifted up
- Hank jib luff to forestay, tack to deck shackle, route clew sheets aft – **keep sheets free!**
- Free jib halyard, attach to jib head and raise the jib – tension halyard while raising
- Lift boom, remove boom crutch and gently place boom on the deck (stow crutch aft)
- Remove & stow mainsail-ties (4), unfurl mainsail to port - frees starboard winch access
- Free mainsail halyard and attach to mainsail head (with turtle?) – decide about reefing
- Raise mainsail – check for battens, outhaul, halyard & luff integrity – **keep sheets free!**
- Adjust boom vang tension; loose for downwind and snug for upwind
- Instruct crew on the cast off plan; i.e. initial point of sail and exit tacking strategy
- Untie painter and push bow in the desired direction – as you step onto boat with painter
- Trim sheets and boom vang tension. Set centerboard depth when in deeper water.
- Always sit to windward unless otherwise directed. **Have fun!**