

## Standard Operating Procedure

### Boat Launching

#### Work Activity Description

For the launching of a boat, involving the use of AMOSC Boat, Utility Vehicles and/or Trailers.

**Note:** For loading and securing of the boat to an AMOSC vehicle, refer to **SOP 1002 Ops; Loading and Securing of Cargo**, For transportation of the boat to/from the launching site, refer to **SOP 1003 Ops; Transporting Equipment To/ From Warehouse**

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#### Health and Safety



To safely launch an AMOSC boat, a minimum of 2 people are required.

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#### Operational Instructions

##### Launching the Boat

Before Launching:

- Position the vehicle and trailer on the boat ramp,
- Check that rear ratchet strap tie-downs have been removed,
- Check that bungs are fitted to drainage ports at rear of boat,
- Attach fuel line and release fuel tank vent,
- Place isolator switch, located on centre console, to the 'ON' (Green) position,
- Ensure engine/s is in raised position and the engine travel safety lock is released.

Note: Ensure winch strap and safety chain remain attached at this stage of the process

Launching:

- Manoeuvre the vehicle and trailer down to the water's' edge,
- Grab bow line and pass to second person,
- Ensure the boat has sufficient water underneath,
- Release winch strap and safety chain from bow (nose) of boat. Do not stand or place any part of your body between the bow of the vessel and the forward bunk of the trailer.
- Deploy boat and use bow line to securely moor to fixed structure.

Once launched:

- Park the vehicle and trailer in a designated parking space.

##### Retrieving the Boat

- Safely secure the vessel to the mooring whilst positioning the vehicle and trailer on the boat ramp,
- Retrieve the boat onto the trailer using the winch. Do not stand or place any part of your body between the bow of the vessel and the forward bunk of the trailer.
- Secure safety chain to bow of boat,
- Ensure engine/s is in raised position and the engine travel safety lock is engaged,

- Drive the vehicle and trailer out of the boat ramp carefully and park clear of other ramp users,
- Attach rear ratchet strap tie-downs,
- Remove bungs from drainage ports at rear of boat (bungs to be stored safely),
- Disconnect fuel line and close fuel tank vent (where applicable)
- Place isolator switch, located on centre console, to the 'OFF' (Red) position.

Complete the **AMOSC Vehicle Loads Assessment Checklist** prior to resuming travel with the boat and trailer.

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## Additional Information

### Related Documents

AMOSC HSSE Plan  
PN08 - HSSE Policy  
AMOSC JSA Template  
1002 Ops; Loading and Securing of Cargo  
1003 Ops; Transporting Equipment to/from Warehouse  
PN 11 AMOSC Vehicle Use Policy (AMOSC Vehicle Checklist / AMOSC Load Assessment Checklist)

