

Boat Launch Etiquette

Most days launching and retrieval of boats at Rusty's Coulee Marina is simple. However, on long weekends or when the weather is perfect and the lake inviting, the launch area can become so busy that both launching and retrieval are stressful and confusing. This information is only to make your experience at Rusty's Coulee Marina a more pleasant one.

COURTESY ON THE BOAT RAMP:

- Prepare your vessel for launching or for the drive home well away from the ramp.
- Use two experienced people to launch and retrieve the vessel—one to drive the towing vehicle and one to operate the vessel.
- Never block a ramp with an unattended vessel or vehicle.
- When there are boats coming in and a boat is launching out, give the launching boat plenty of space to maneuver out of the launch area so as to not interrupt the flow of traffic.

When the launch area is filled with boats waiting to pull out of the water, please consider the following:

- **Do not enter the launch area until you see your trailer coming down the launch.**
 - Remember: ***The retrieval line is formed by vehicles with trailers, not by vessels in the water.*** When retrieving, do not pull your vessel into a launch lane until the towing vehicle is at the ramp.
 - You can drop off your driver to get the trailer at the gas area or at the end of the dock and then idle in the open water while waiting. Filling the launch area with boats causes congestion and 'ramp rage'.
 - When you see your trailer coming down the launch, make your way slowly and carefully into the launch and load your boat.