

# Need a lift?



## Consider an Air Berth Boat Lift System

**B**oating is fun – maintenance is not! Inspections, cleaning and repairs are exhausting enough to think about, let alone hoisting your craft or paying high prices to have your boat lifted. But there is a solution – Boating World can lift your spirits and your boat, with their revolutionary lift system which is rapidly growing in popularity.

More and more boaters are looking for ways to simplify their lives while maximizing their precious leisure time and the Air Berth is a creative storage option which is proving its worth. It only takes about three minutes to raise your boat out of the water, instantly eliminating the need for a crane so the hull is easily accessible for damage control.

Importer of the Air Berth Boat Lift System, Derrick Levy of Boating World, says this is a perfect way to eliminate

towing, launching, recovery and endless anti-fouling. "This is the most exciting innovation I have seen in all my years in the boating industry. Now even the end of a day on the water can be an absolute pleasure with minimal fuss," he says.

Using this amazing maintenance-free unit minimizes electrolysis and osmosis on your boat and it is transportable and made of high density polyethylene plastic (designed to last 50-plus years). It has no submerged metal parts.

It is ideal for marina storage as it attaches to your mooring jetty giving you instant access to your boat at any time. You can climb aboard or disembark with greatly improved stability.

By releasing the sealing caps of the tailpipes and using a rope pull, the chambers are flooded to lower the boat into the water. Once it is lowered all you have to do is follow the mooring guides

and drive your boat onto the submerged Air Berth.

Hoses are attached from a weather-proof, portable control box to blow air which displaces the water to centre your boat and shapes the unit around the hull. Air controls regulate the supply of air to the main buoyancy chambers and water is pumped out through the tailpipes when lifting.

The Air Berth simply rises up above the water and your boat is kept completely dry and safely stored right at your jetty-side. Compression pads disperse the load to give the boat more even support, and once safely in place you can secure it with the positioning ropes. The support cradle fits most monohull craft and cat hulls. It's also fibreglass-hull friendly.

The whole procedure is easily carried out from your dockside where the



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This newly-constructed, transportable Air Berth is destined for permanent moorings.

control box can also be permanently mounted.

There are two adjustable side fenders to protect the unit from any damage at its mooring spot.

A standard fresh water hose can be attached to the Air Berth and the hull can be cleaned with a controlled spray of water. Spray jets operate from each side for maximum benefit.

The huge advantage of the Air Berth (which can accommodate boats of up to 10 tons), is that long-term immersion is avoided, greatly increasing the life of your props and drives.

Gelcoat blisters on your hull and possible osmosis will no longer be an issue and being clear of the water means you don't need to anti-foul as well as requiring much less maintenance.

Did you know that you actually reduce your craft's top speed if your hull is dirty? By having a clean hull you can travel at faster speeds while being more economical.

All in all, your boat will look as good as new years later – from the bottom up.

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