

Basic Towing Advice

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- Never exceed any weight limits for the vehicle, trailer or combination.
- Ensure vehicle, trailer, brakes, wheel bearings are in good mechanical condition.
- Ensure you have good visibility - use towing mirrors.
- Secure loads well, with mast and spars preferably in purpose built cradles.
- Practice reversing manoeuvres.
- Check trailer lights before each trip.
- Balance vehicle and trailer correctly for nose weight.
- Use low ratio (if you have it) for difficult hill starts.
- Use engine braking on long descents.
- Plan well ahead and signal correctly.
- If trailer is immersed, wash down well with fresh water immediately afterwards, allow wheel hubs to cool before launching. Better to crane the boat in if possible.

Useful websites:

The RYA's website has pages providing information on trailing on its website. Visit:
www.rya.org.uk

Detailed listings of slipways and marinas in and around the UK can be found on
www.boatlaunch.co.uk

The AA route planning service is available on line at www.theaa.com. They also have up to date information on toll charges on the European motorway network. General enquiries:
0870 600 0371