

1. Inspect your trailer. Will it get you and your boat to your destination? If in doubt get it checked by an expert. (Port Sunlight Trailers will do a good job and are very reasonable. Check Yellow Pages or the Indespension® website for your nearest equivalent.)



2. Never let your road wheels enter the water.

3. If your trailer fails your relay policy is unlikely to include recovery of your boat, although the RAC etc will probably endeavour to get you to the next services. If your car fails, your boat is likely to be covered by the relay policy.

4. Carry a spare wheel.

5. Fit a chain or wire strop from the front of the trailer to place over the ball hitch when trailing. This will prevent the car and boat becoming separated if the coupling fails. It is a legal requirement to have one of these fitted.

6. I only use 2 fixing points, (i) rope from bow fitting to frame of the trailer (not trolley), and (ii) a strap attached to the road trailer across the middle of the cockpit. Use pieces of carpet to protect the decks and do not over tighten.

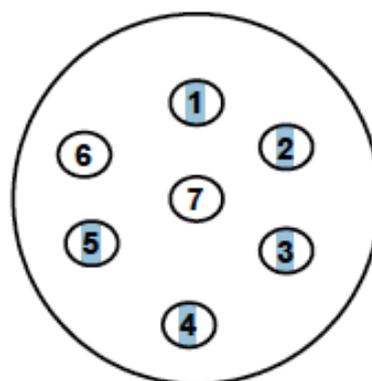
7. Secure the boom to the thwarts with bungee cord and protect with carpet. I also tie the end of my boom to the mainsheet track to stop it moving forward.

8. Use rudder fittings on the lighting board to attach the lighting board to the transom, and incorporate a mast support. Commercial mast supports are available (£36), but can easily be made from a spare piece of skirting board and ply. Glue pieces of sponge onto the back of the board.

9. Corrosion or loose connections can cause lighting board problems. If the wires become detached, it is difficult to work out the permutations without a key. The diagram below shows what goes where. If, after reconnecting, you are still having problems remember the total cost of replacing the lighting board plus number plate is only £20.

10. Not essential but cocoon or under covers are useful if you are doing a lot of trailing and want to protect your boat from road grime and stones. (Most under cover users also fasten their boat cover over the top or use a flat trailing cover).

11. If you need more information the Indespension® Catalogue is mine of useful advice.



- 1 = Yellow
- 2 = Blue
- 3 = White
- 4 = Green
- 5 = Brown
- 6 = Red
- 7 = Black

View of 7 Pin Plug with wiring key