

Loading the double skiff trailer

- Ulla goes on first because of high stem.
- Put all the oars in Cul Mor, lash down on cushions.
- Lash the rudders down or put in the car.
- Untie the swivels and put in a bag or bucket.
- If using the covers, cover goes on Ulla now.
- Using the front winch, haul Ulla on her trolley up on to the trailer. Winch strap once round the trolley upright and then clipped to the eyebolt.
- Put the slings under her (but not the trolley) and over the ends of the spreader bars. Make sure that the spreader bar shackles have the pin ends facing out so they don't damage the hull.
- Line up the slings with the black pen marks near the gunwale.
- Make sure that the lifting winch handle is at its longest and the clamping screw done up.
- Have someone keeping the boat level fore and aft, and preventing the bow from scraping up the front post.
- Raise the boat up to the top of the frame with the lifting winch.
- Make sure the lifting ropes are running smoothly over the pulleys.
- Shackle the safety sling to the lugs in case something fails.
- Remove Ulla's trolley
- Pull Cul Mor on her trolley on to the trailer, with the strap once round the trolley upright and then clipped to the boat U bolt.
- Trolley comes forward till it hits the stops.
- Trolley axle should be above the round tube.
- Lower Ulla until the spreader bars come level with the lugs on the uprights.
- Make sure that Ulla is not rubbing Cul Mor anywhere.
- Remove the safety sling and shackle the spreader bars to the lugs.
- Lower the boat until most but not all of the weight is on the lugs.
- Unclamp the lifting winch handle, reverse it so the handle faces inwards, and clamp.
- Put the front U bolt through the eyebolt at the stem of Ulla and do it up tight.
- Strap Cul Mor on with a ratchet strap round the hull and trailer frame.
- Front winch rope keeps Cul Mor from moving back.
- Cul Mor's bow rope lashed back on each side to stop her moving forward on the trolley.
- Ropes if necessary to prevent Ulla's stern from moving sideways inside Cul Mor.
- Fit lighting board to Cul Mor and lash the rudder pin so it cannot jump out.
- Test tow hitch weight and adjust if necessary with internal luggage.
- Any gear loaded into Cul Mor must either rest on the seats or frames, or if resting on the planking no sharp corners.
- Try not to have loose gear in either boat bumping around on the journey.
- Safety cable attaches to the tow hitch.
- Trailer hand brake is a bugger to put on (move forward) or off (mind the spring force)
- Bon Voyage!
- Check the lashings and the tyres at Braemore.