

TRAILERING CHECKLIST FOR SBYSF EVENTS

If you are pulling a SBYSF trailer to an out-of-town event, you will need to do the following:

Preparing for the Trip:

1. Make sure that you have provided the SBYSF office with a copy of your valid California Drivers license and a copy of the declarations page of your auto insurance policy AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DATE.
2. Make arrangements to pick up a road safety kit from the SBYSF office. This black plastic box will have a tire inflation device, jumper cables, lug wrench, etc.
3. Make arrangements to get a COPY of the trailer registration from the SBYSF office. Do not, under any circumstances, take the original. Check to make sure that the trailer has a license plate and that the number matches the registration.
4. All of the SBYSF trailers require a 2" ball. You need to provide your own hitch/receiver/ball.
5. All of the SBYSF trailers have a standard "flat" four-prong male plug for the trailer lights. You need to provide the appropriate adaptor for your vehicle's receptacle, if necessary.

Before Hitting the Road:

6. SBYSF staff will attempt to make sure the trailer lights are working properly; however, trailer lights are very fickle and it would be prudent for you to check the trailer lights a couple of days in advance of departure to make sure that you have the right adaptor for your vehicle and that all of the lights are working properly. This will give SBYSF staff an opportunity to make repairs if necessary.
7. Check the tires for proper inflation. The maximum inflation is listed on the tire. Inflate to, but not beyond, maximum inflation. There is a tire inflator with a gauge in the road safety kit that you have picked up from the SBYSF office; or, most gas stations have air available.
8. Check to make sure that all of the boats are tied down properly and secure. Take the covers off the boats. Do not travel with the covers on the boats.
9. Check to make sure that all of the masts are tied down properly and will not jiggle against one another or against the trailer. It is the sailors' job to do this work, but it is your job to confirm that it is done and done properly.
10. Check to make sure that all booms are tied down properly and will not jiggle against anything while traveling. It is the sailors' job to do this work, but it is your job to confirm that it is done and done properly.

11. Check to make sure that any sails traveling in the boats are properly secured/tied so that they won't blow out. It is the sailors' job to do this work, but it is your job to confirm that it is done and done properly.
12. Check to make sure that any blades traveling in the boats are properly secured and protected so that any road bumps won't damage the fragile trailing edges. It is the sailors' job to do this work, but it is your job to confirm that it is done and done properly.
13. Check to make sure that dolly straps won't flap in the wind. It is the sailors' job to do this work, but it is your job to confirm that it is done and done properly.
14. BEFORE LEAVING, HAVE AT LEAST ONE OTHER **EXPERIENCED DRIVER** DOUBLE-CHECK EVERYTHING.
15. You may want to stop after a few miles (approximately ten) to inspect for loose tie-downs, shifted items, loose safety chain, etc.
16. At the venue, make sure to collect and securely store all of the tie downs after the boats and/or dollies are removed from the trailer.

When Returning to SBYC

17. After the event, when the boats are loaded on the trailer, make sure that the boats are loaded properly, tied down properly and secure. As the driver, this is your responsibility. Do not trust someone else's word or opinion. Verify for yourself.
18. Repeat steps 7-14 above for the return trip. Don't assume that just because something was OK on the way to the venue that it is OK for the return trip (e.g. trailer lights, tire pressure, etc.). BEFORE LEAVING, HAVE AT LEAST ONE OTHER **EXPERIENCED DRIVER** DOUBLE-CHECK EVERYTHING.
19. You may want to stop after a few miles (approximately ten) to inspect for loose tie-downs, shifted items, loose safety chain, etc.
20. Deliver the trailer and boats to the SBYC parking lot.
21. Return the road safety kit and the photocopy of the trailer registration to the SBYSF office.
22. Contact the SBYSF office to confirm the delivery of the trailer and boats and provide detailed information about any necessary repairs, preventative maintenance or missing parts that you observed or would suggest.
23. Lastly, thank you for your contribution of time and effort to youth sailing!