

A users manual for the Small Boat Sling at Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes by Simeon Baldwin

There are two ways to launch at the Cap Sante Marina for the “Pull and Be Damned Messabout” Here’s a [map](#) of the Marina. You can see the Seafarer's Memorial Park and Small Boat Dock at the lower right where the Saturday's action will happen

There is lots of room for vehicle/trailer parking as shown on the left and also lower middle of the map

1. - You can use the Marina's Trailer Boat Launch operation at \$25 one-way or \$35 round trip for boats 20'-11" and under. This is a double sling professional set up that can handle boats to 37'. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They are efficient and it's a low risk/low sweat operation. Click [here](#) for more info.

2. – You can use the P/Q Dock Small Craft Hoist, which is a self-serve operation. There is a sling available at the hoist. Last year there was a queue set up Saturday morning at the P/Q dock starting about 9 a.m. I believe. There were plenty of hands around to help. The during the messabout the fee is \$3.00 launch and retrieve. For more info. click [here](#) . At other times, you can check out a mag card from the Harbormaster’s Office 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. weekends for \$5/20 minutes and operate the hoist independently.



To demystify the slinging process, check out Joel Bergen's [video](#) of his Navigator "Ellie" being hoisted into the water here using James's sling (with James in red vest directing the operation). It's a lot faster once you've determined the center of gravity position for the sling.

Also a [video](#) Joel Bergen & Tim Bergen took of Noddy coming back to her trailer on Sunday after the Messabout. That is Noddy's own sling/bridle being used. The bridle was too long to permit hoisting over the dock railing so I had to shorten the legs with alpine-butterfly knot loops.

Here is a link to Joel's [blog](#) of the 2014 event. He has some other excellent hi-def videos listed there