

2024 HHSWRS BYC crane guide for the Viper 640

- All visiting Vipers will launch at Boston Yacht club 1 Front St Marblehead unless prior individual arrangements have been made.
- Vipers launching at BYC will haul each night and launch each morning due to limited dock space and moorings.
- The BYC cranes are open 8am-6pm. On Thursday 7/26 cranes will be open until 8pm for arriving boats.
- Only members and hotel guests may park in the BYC parking lot.
- Context: Members of BYC who race Vipers have to get trained to operate the crane at the Yacht Clubs in Marblehead, and are required to operate the cranes, the next page will give the DOs and DON'T's that are asked of the operators every weekend; and have been requested to be communicated to the visiting Viper sailors. The state of Mass has increased monitoring of crane usage, and infractions can cause the clubs a lot of problems including fines and/or shutting down of crane operations.

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- **DO** Employ the help of a crane certified BYC member such as Fletcher (207), Matt (166), Eleni (294), Andrew (105), a daily BYC member volunteer, or the Dockmaster
- **DO** Use the provided hardhats and vests when using the crane. Anyone with out these must clear out
- **DO NOT** travel down the ladder ahead of the Viper, wait until the bulb touches the water. Similarly, **DO** wait until the dock is clear before launching/retrieving.
- **DO NOT** wear flip-flops
- **DO** place 2 Jackstands behind and 1 in front of the keel when installing/removing keels
- Tips for the Main Crane and Vipers at BYC
 - Be prepared to have two long control lines to keep the boat perpendicular to the crane arm, there is a HUGE tide in MHD
 - Put the trailer in stern 1st to go bow out, point the trailer slightly towards the Flag pole, maybe 20°
 - Keep your halyards tight, there is a piece of metal near the motor that likes to snag them; ask Cole
 - Slightly bow down launching is always preferred to prevent your windex getting removed, your mast can go right into the motor here

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