

# DO'S & DON'TS OF DOCK & LIFT OWNERSHIP

For lakeshore owners everywhere

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Ree Marine is a factory direct dealer for JB Lund Dock & Lift in Royalton, MN. Providing 52 years of marine equipment manufacturing experience.



# BOATLIFT INSTALLATION GUIDE

*The following guidelines are designed to help you install your JB Lund vertical boat/pontoon lift.*

Make sure you have plenty of help, the more lifting and pulling power you have the better. If your lift does not already have one or more wheel kits, you might consider purchasing one from Ree Marine. This makes the installation process much easier.

Water depth is very important to the proper operation of your lift. Make sure the location of your lift is in at least 32" of water. If you are familiar with your lake try to anticipate the rise and fall of the water level and place your lift accordingly. Placing your lift in shallow water can damage your lift mechanism, your watercraft or both.

## **Placing lift**

First make sure you are familiar with the lock/unlock feature on adjustable legs.

Make sure your legs are fully retracted into the lift. Carry or roll (if wheel kit is present) into the water.

When you have reached the desired location, lift each corner of the lift and

adjust the legs to the proper height. Each leg has a blue depth indicator to help you adjust the lift to a level position.

***“We highly recommend investing in adjustable screw legs to make the installation/removal process easier and to easily adjust for changing water levels during the summer.”***

## **IMPORTANT!**

The water level should be within 1 inch on each blue ruler located on each lift corner stanchion. Keeping the lift in a level position is key to proper and safe operation.

## **Loading your watercraft**

Before loading your watercraft check for proper up and down operation. Lower lift into the water, load watercraft slowly. After raising and lowering your watercraft check lift for settling and adjust if necessary.

## **Tips**

***SAFETY FIRST! Let common sense prevail.***

- ◇ Never leave your lift in the water over winter. Ice movement will cause damage.
- ◇ In the spring the water is cold. Consider using waders during install.
- ◇ If you have a canopy tarp install it last.
- ◇ Consider professional installation and removal. Ree Marine can recommend several professional dock/lift installation companies.
- ◇ Screw legs can make both the installation and removal much easier. You adjust the leg height with a cordless drill or hand wrench.

# BOAT LIFT REMOVAL GUIDE

*The following guidelines are designed to help you in removing your JB Lund boatlift.*

- ◇ If you don't already have wheels on all 4 corners, consider adding them
- ◇ If you have a canopy and tarp, remove the tarp while the boat is still in the lift. Then store completely dry in a dry, well-ventilated area.
- ◇ Retract the legs into the corner stanchions on to the legs and lower onto the wheels or onto the floats if you use floats.
- ◇ If you are pulling out your lift with a 4-wheeler or pick up, make sure you strap around both the front 2 stanchions. The photo below shows what happens if you strap around the cross support only.
- ◇ Make sure you store your lift well any from the water on stable ground. Ice flow in the spring can damage your lift.



***“Always place your straps around both front legs. Placing a single strap in the middle of the front frame will result in this breakage”***



Ree Marine has a huge inventory of JB Lund Docks able to configure any system you would like, plus all the accessories. (Plus floating dock options)

We stock a complete selection of JB Lund vertical boat and pontoon lifts from 3000lb to 6000lb capacities. We also carry a 1500lb PWC cantilever lift. In addition we stock both scissors and bunk pontoon trailers. Every JB Lund product we offer includes a full factory warranty.

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We also offer Lift Tech Marine electric lift winches available in both 110V and 12/24V models.

# TROUBLE SHOOTING TIPS FOR VERTICAL BOAT LIFTS

*From Ree Marine and JB Lund Dock & Lift*

1. Keep your lift level. The mechanics of the lift need to be aligned front and back and side to side to prevent undue cable and pulley wear.
2. Lift Cables - Make sure to inspect your lift cables regularly for any signs of wear and to see if they are winding properly. Rust spots, broken strands, fraying, kinks and abnormalities are all signs that you may need to replace your cables.
3. Drain excess water weight from your boat.
4. If the canopy tarp is on, keep the watercraft cranked up to help wind gusts from lifting the canopy and tarp airborne.
5. Annually tighten all bolts and nuts.
6. Find the center of balance of your boat on the lift. Your lift will perform best and last the longest if your boat or pontoon is centered every time to put your boat on the lift.
7. Make sure you know the total weight of your boat including engine, fuel and accessories. Exceeding the recommended capacity of your lift could result in damage to your lift, your boat or both.
8. Make sure no one is on your watercraft during operation of your lift. This additional weight can cause you to exceed the recommended capacity of your lift resulting in damage to your lift, your boat or both.

## BOAT/PONTOON LIFT AND DOCK FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FAQs

*Does my lift have to be level?*

Yes. Each lift has water level indicators on each of the four posts. The water level on each post should be within one inch of one another. If your lift is outside these parameters it could seriously affect the performance of your lift.

*How deep does the water have to be?*

We recommend a minimum of 32" of water depth for most lift models.

This allows for most changes in water levels. In some cases the lift has to be moved into deeper water should the level drop below acceptable depth.

*Can I leave my lift or dock in the water during winter?*

No. This is not recommended practice. Temperature extremes in winter can cause ice to move do to the rise and fall of the water level in your lake or river. This can cause serious damage to

your lift and dock. This type of damage will void the factory warranty.

***My new boat does not sit on the lift properly. What can I do?***

The support bunks on your lift are adjustable to fit most any watercraft.

***Can I move my lift from one side of my dock to the other?***

Yes. Vertical lifts may be rotated and moved to the other side of the dock, then convert/switch around the pontoon racks/boat bunks.

***Can I add an electric winch unit to my lift at a later time?***

Yes. There are a couple models available depending on your particular needs. Ree Marine/JB Lund is a certified dealer for Lift Tech Marine. They offer 12V and 110V electric winch systems along with manual switches and remote control systems.

***What do I do with my canopy tarp in the off-season?***

Before storing your tarp, make sure it is clean and dry before folding and storing it in a dry, well-ventilated area. Storing your tarp with trapped moisture or in a damp area will cause mold and mildew stains

***How do I clean my tarp?***

Before storing your tarp for the season, clean with a damp sponge and mild non-abrasive cleaner, if needed. Let dry completely before storing.

***When I install or remove my dock should I remove all/most of the decking?***

Yes. When installing or removing your dock having the panels removed

keeps the weight down and allows for a much easier installation. During the off-season keep your panels stacked neatly and cover them if possible to prevent any damage.

***Can I pull out my lift or dock with a truck or 4-wheeler?***

Yes. This technique should be approached with great caution and care. This should only be attempted if you have enough wheels on your lift or dock to allow this action. You should attach the straps to the front two posts and proceed slowly. Make sure the lake bottom is clear of any obstructions. Also make sure the legs of the lift/dock are completely retracted before moving.

If your dock legs with wheels are extended up higher than 3 1/2', it is recommended you lower the legs if you have to go up much of an incline or shore embankment.

***Do I have to perform any specific maintenance on my dock?***

No. Maintenance on your JB Lund is mainly preventative. Before every install and after every removal, inspect your lift or dock thoroughly. Check all welds, cables, nut/bolts, and connections.

***Can I add on to my dock at a later date?***

Yes. You can purchase additional sections from Ree Marine at any time and expand your dock to meet your needs. Jb Lund dock sections are made to create new configurations. Adding a patio or a slip can make your dock much more functional and enjoyable.

“ Ree Marine and JB Lund helped me with a special situation pontoon lift. I wanted all the extras to make installation and removals easy as it could be. They added screw legs but reconfigured them to be able to pull sideways instead of the normal way. I hooked up a sturdy strap through both legs, then used the winch on my Ranger to pull the 4800lb lift up my ramps. Worked like a charm!”

*“Marc R”*





*Ree Marine can provide tarp curtains like the wake boat above, providing added protection from sun and rain*

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