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Duncan Seawall's Complete Guide to: Boat Lifts



When choosing a boat lift, the highest grade materials, quality workmanship and installation should all be taken into consideration.

Duncan Seawall installs Golden Boat Lifts and has been named Golden's number one worldwide dealer every year for the past decade.

Golden Boat Lifts are manufactured using 6061 – T6 marine grade aluminum and stainless steel, come with a 15-year structural warranty and up to a 25-year limited warranty on the drive system.

Duncan Seawall's excellent craftsmanship combined with the premium selection of Golden Boat Lifts guarantees you will have the best and most dependable lift on the market.

When deciding on a boat lift installation, we often hear similar questions from multiple clients. The following are common FAQ's to help your installation process go smoothly.

1. How often should I service my boat lift?

Depending on usage and care, we recommend a minimum of once a year.

2. What is the capacity of my boat lift?

Most boat lifts display the capacity of your lift on the specs stamp or plate located on the lift.

3. What kind of boat lift do I need?

The type of boat you own or are going to purchase will determine the type of boat lift you will need.

4. My boat lift is squeaking, what should I do?

In most cases, boat lifts "squeak" due to the lack of grease around the sheaves (pulleys) or the belts need to be tightened. Duncan Seawall can come out and service your lift to make sure the squeaking stops and your lift is operating at its best.

5. Should I keep my lift out of the water when not in use?

Your lift should be kept out of the water as much as possible due to saltwater, barnacles, and electrolysis to name a few things that corrode your bottom beams and cables.

6. What is electrolysis?

It is the erosion of aluminum due to an electric current in the water.

7. Do you have lifts for personal watercraft? (Jet skis, john boats, etc.)

Duncan Seawall offers a wide range of lifts for kayaks to jet skis to large boats.

8. How do I know how low to lower my boat?

Duncan Seawall highly recommends getting an “auto-stop” that will automatically stop your lift beams from bottoming out on the sand table and possibly unspooling your lift cables.

9. How do I know when to stop my boat when putting it on the lift?

Since the majority of the weight is towards the back of the boat, Duncan Seawall recommends that you try to get the transom (the surface that forms the stern of the boat where the motor is mounted) to line up with the back edge of the lateral bunks on the boat lift.

10. What are my options for getting my boat off the lift in shallow water?

Duncan Seawall offers shallow water cradle beams and/or adjustable bunks to help get your boat off the lift in shallow water.

Dredging may also have to be done in certain situations.



11. Do I need a permit to install a boat lift?

Yes. All counties require a permit to have a boat lift installed.

12. How many boat lifts can I have?

You can have up to two boat lifts in most counties.

The city of Sarasota will allow you to have up to three lifts if there is sufficient room.

13. If I cannot have a boat lift installed, what are my other options?

If you are not able to have a boat lift installed, Duncan Seawall offers a SlideMoor system that allows you to securely tie your boat tightly to an aluminum track mounted to your pilings with a sliding adjustable bumper/cleat, which allows your boat to rise and lower with the tide.

14. What is the life expectancy of a boat lift?

This depends on the quality of the boat lift, maintenance and environment.

If well taken care of, a boat lift should have a long life expectancy.

15. How high should I raise my boat?

You should raise it up far enough that waves won't hit the bottom of the boat.

Never try to raise the bed past the upper limit stops. This can cause severe damage to the lift.

16. How can I prolong the life of my boat lift?

Try to keep the lift out of the water as much as possible when not in use.

When not in use, make sure to rinse the bottom beams and cables with fresh water.

Make sure that all parts that require grease don't go dry.

We offer a boat lift maintenance article on our website that will give you all that you need to make sure you keep your lift running like new.

17. Why do you install Golden Boat Lifts?

Golden Boat Lifts is the largest boat lift manufacturer in the world and provides the highest quality of boat lifts on the market.

18. What power is required to power my boat lift?

In most cases, smaller boat lifts require a 110 amp power source, while your mid-size to larger lifts require a 220 amp power source.