

Trawler Talk

Trailer a Trawler

Although trailering a boat is not anything new, trailering a trawler opens the doors for some great adventures.

Size does matter! A trawler with an 8' 6" beam or less can be trailered through all 50 states without needing an oversize permit. But finding the right size that can be comfortable for you and your family is a big consideration. Are you planning overnights or just day trips? What kind of sleeping and galley accommodations are important to you? And, of course, the bottom line is always the size of your wallet or what you are willing to invest in this great leisure activity.



Your location and access to different lakes and waterways is a big part of the equation. Being able to make these choices for a change of scenery and new experiences on the water by trailering your boat to any of them is a very nice option. Just be aware of the traffic and road conditions you will be trailering in so as to be safe and secure as you go.

Are you comfortable with launching and loading a boat on a trailer? Some marinas and parks have easily accessible and user-friendly facilities while others may be more of a challenge. There may be launching and parking fees as well. It's good to check out those in your area you will be using most often.

Available storage both for the summer and winter must be considered. Do you currently own a storage facility to fit the boat & trailer of your choice or would you

have to rent space? To some, working on your boat in the driveway is a fun thing, not to mention showing it off to the neighbors. This has to be compared to paying a marina for seasonal docking fees and winter storage.



Towing a sizeable boat can be more than your present jalopy is up to so you may have to invest in a larger vehicle. This alone plus the extra fuel burned during towing has to be considered. There is always some difference in the price of fuel at the filling station compared to the marina prices. But remember, you will also be able to fill the boat's fuel tanks at the filling station, too. Also, the trailer will need to be licensed.

As with many choices in life, there are pros and cons to launching from a trailer or having a boat waiting for you at the dock. Coming to your dock with a boat all ready to go can be very nice and convenient. A quick trip from the office or home and throwing off the lines for a nice day or evening cruise can be relaxing and just what the doctor ordered. Extra clothes, beer in the fridge, and a nice snack or meal are all right there for your enjoyment.

These are just some things to think about, but do you know what the most important aspect of this exercise is? **JUST DO IT!**
We always say "no boat is perfect" so just go ahead and start the experience and remember that you and your family just need to have some fun and relax. In all our years of selling boats we never heard a customer say they should not have done it but what we do hear very often is "I wish we would have done it sooner!"
ENJOY!

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