

## Storing Your Boat

One of the keys to owning a boat is the question of where to keep it when you aren't using it. Your budget, convenience, and availability are all keys that should be talked about.

### Trailer

There's no less expensive way to store a boat than on a trailer in your driveway or yard. A trailer offers you the advantages of taking your boat into different areas of water, taking your boat out whenever you like, or just saving fees on your winter storage. Before you look into a trailer, make sure that your vehicle has the towing capacity for your boat and the equipment you need.

### Rack storage

For smaller boats, a great alternative to storage is rack storage, or dry stacks. Typical rack storage facilities will keep your boat in a covered shed filled with plenty of room. Simply call the facility before you want to use the boat and they will retrieve it for you. When you are finished boating, simply bring it back, tie it up, and they will return it to the storage area for you.

### Marina advantage

If your a boat owner craving convenience, a marina slip is just what you need. Simply drive your family to the marina, get in the boat, and go. Rates will vary from state to state, although most offer you several other perks as well.

### Buying your slip

In some areas, you can actually buy a permanent slip at a marina. This can be great to have in high demand areas, as it guarantees you a slip at the marina whenever you need to store your boat. The purchased slip is a long term asset, and is good for as long as you own a boat.

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