

## **Forklift Handling of Boats**

### **Some Inherent Risk**

While we believe Rack Storage is a high-quality storage system that typically keeps your boat in better condition than in water storage or handling with trailers. There are some inherent risks in handling and storing boats with forklifts in a rack system that you may want to be aware of and you have to accept these risks as the boat owner/lessee.

When you store at a dock, you have some risk of log damage, storm damage, sun fading, sinking, and actions by other boaters, as well as the daily hassle in keeping the boat clean. Spiders, Zebra Mussels, corrosion, etc. Rack storage is different.

You can and should play an active role in helping reduce risk.

- Always put you trim tabs down
- Lower all items to the lowest position possible that are raised and add height to the boat
  - a. Lights
  - b. Bimini tops
  - c. Antennas
- Cover your boat
- Make sure your drives are down and straight anytime to have your boat handled.
- Pontoons are susceptible to denting from forking handling
- The forks will lift your boat on the bottom of the hull or frame of the boat. Any transducers, through hull fittings, aluminum frames and components etc. may be subject to damage.
- When we are picking a boat out of the water, many times the driver has poor visibility as part of the boat is submerged.
- This is your boat and you must determine that it is appropriate for rack storage.