

"Super" series Floating Dock Service Instructions

Step 1:

Using a Phillips screwdriver, remove the stainless screws from the deck panels concealing the anchor rope hook-ups. Slacken off the front anchor ropes enough to cover spring high water height. Disconnect the rear anchor ropes and drop to ground. They can be retrieved with a hook or rake in the spring. If it is too deep to retrieve the ropes, then attach them to shore with a cloths line cable. Keep the cloths line cable loose so it lies on the lakebed. This will prevent ice from forming around it and ripping it away from shore.

Follow step 2 if you have purchased a Lift Ramp. If you have a regular ramp go to step 5.

Step 2:

Place your lift tower ends down between the two tabs on the ramp to shore hinges. Remove the deck panels from the ramp. Hook up the front tower cables to the hook-up eyes located on the inside corners of the ramp. Attach the winch cable to the rear tower harness. Winch and take up cable slack. Hoist ramp enough to remove the ramp to dock hinge pins. Remove the pins and start hoisting ramp to about a 30 to 40 degree angle. Remove the Winch handle during winter storage. Proceed to Step 4.

Step 3:

This step will require two people. Remove the dock hinge pins at the dock end, the ramp will float. Remove the shore end ramp hinge pins and either pull ramp onto shore or onto the dock for winter storage. When storing ramp on shore be sure it clears high water.

Step 4:

Time to make an important decision. Do I disconnect the front dock anchors and skid floating dock out on to dry land, or do I free float the dock for the winter. Although a majority of our customers choose to free float it is not 100% safe against ice damage. Muskoka Leisure does not warranty against, or can be held liable for any damage that may occur to your dock by snow or ice. Muskoka Leisure can only advise and suggest different methods of winter storage. The following paragraphs cover the two most popular methods of winter storage.

Method #1: Free Floating the Dock:

About 85% of our Floating Docks are Free Floating for winter storage. If done properly no damage should occur. However many conditions must be taken in account before making this decision. We have listed them to make the decision easier.

- Is their ice pile up on the shoreline during the winter or spring.
- Is there more than a mile expanse of water in front of your dock system.
- Is there enough water under the docks location to stay floating, during winter water flucuations.

If you have answered **no** to these questions then there should be no problem to free float the dock for the winter. If answered yes to one or more questions please contact Muskoka Leisure and let us advice you on what to do.

Free Floating:

With the anchor ropes attached to the front of the floating dock, rotate the back (closest to shore) of the dock 180 degrees out into the lake. In this position the dock will be an additional docks length from shore. This will allow the dock to move freely during ice movement. To hold the dock in this position you should throw an anchor out in front of the dock and tie to it, or you may want can purchase a winter mooring package. This package consists of 5 concrete weights 290 lbs. in total, a summer buoy, and rope. The anchor package is positioned in front of the dock approximately 20' out. Simply connect the dock to the anchor buoy rope. For added security you should also attach a thin rope from dock to the shore. Do not tighten rope leave slack in it. Important-make sure there is enough slack in anchor chains to allow for springs high water level.

Method #2: Removing your Floating Dock to dry land:

Disconnect all anchor ropes using the same method as in step one. Find a good spot on the shoreline to pull the dock out. The area should be clear of sharp rocks and debris, that could damage your docks floats, when skidding it on to shore. The area will need an anchor point such as a tree to attach a winch. The dock has no skids, it is best to lay boards under the dock so it has something to skid onto, when winching it out. Place boards under the floats. Start winching the dock and the front of the dock will start to lift on the ramp boards and onto shore. To put the dock back in the water, simply lever it in with a board. Important: Make sure that the dock is skidded totally onto dry land out of the reach of ice. Once the dock is up on shore out of ices way, you must prepare it for the winters snow load. Make sure that the dock is not lying twisted on shore. The dock floatation should be evenly supported.

Spring installation: To install the dock in the spring simply just reverse the entire procedure.

WARNING! Injury may result! Do not use or install products until instructions are read and understood. The purchaser assumes all risk and liability for loss, damage or injury to persons, animals or property arising out of use or misuse of, or inability to use, the Muskoka Leisure product.