

Coming ashore with an onshore wind

How to land safely with a beach party

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Preparation

When coming in to shore with an onshore wind, especially when the tide is high and there are waves, it is important to know the drill. In this example the tide is high, but fortunately the waves are slight which allows us to study the technique.

In this case the shore faces almost due south and the wind is from the WSW. That is it is from the right and about 30 degrees offshore.



Initial Approach

In this first picture we see the Laser coming in and the shore party are in the water out of shot to the right, that is to windward.

The helm has raised his centreboard leaving just enough for safe steerage, has freed the rudder hold down and has slackened the kicker.



Arrival

When close to, but downwind of the shore party he luffs up head to wind to loose speed.



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And comes to rest so
the shore party can grab
the bow and hold the
boat steady



Preparing for the trolley

The helm then raises the centreboard completely



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And lifts the rudder.
Note that the sail is completely depowered because the kicker is no longer tight.



Getting the trolley

The helm then fetches
his trolley whilst his
boat is held safely.



Positioning the trolley

And passes it to the shore crew with the handle out to sea, i.e. to windward.



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The boat is manoeuvred onto the trolley, stern towards the shore.



Recovery

And the boat pushed downwind onto the ramp or beach.

The boat is pushed clear of the surf or ramp and then the helm returns to the sea to help later arrivals.

