

# **BOAT COVERS ONLY-CARE & USE GUIDE**

## **FOR CUSTOM RATCHETING BOAT COVERS**

### **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS-How to Cover Your Boat (Bow to Stern)**



#### **1. Prep the Boat**

- Ensure the boat is clean and dry before covering.
- Remove all accessories or loose items that could snag or tear the cover.

#### **2. Begin at the Bow of the Boat**

- Locate the front (bow) of your cover. Align it with the bow of the boat.
- Drape the cover over the bow and begin working it down over the front sides of the hull.

#### **3. Work Toward the Stern of the Boat**

- Carefully pull the cover along both port and starboard sides, walking it back toward the stern.
- Make sure the fabric is centered as you work it towards the stern of the boat.

#### **4. Adjust the fit**

- Once you reach the stern, confirm that the cover is fully draped over the entire boat and hangs evenly on all sides.
- Ensure the corners of the transom are properly tucked in for maximum coverage.

#### **5. Engage the Ratcheting System**

- Locate the ratchet pocket on the cover.
- Begin tightening the cover down with the ratchet located inside the pocket
- **IMPORTANT:** Ratchet the strap as tight as possible to ensure a secure seal around the boat's rub rail and chine. A snug fit protects against wind and water forces.
- Once tight, zip the pocket shut to prevent damage or snags.

#### **6. Secure Final Closures**

- If your cover includes zippers or buckle clasps, fully zip and buckle them before ratcheting, for added wind protection and securing the cover properly in place to your boat.

## **CARE & MAINTENANCE TIPS**

**For optimal performance, an occasional rinsing will dispose of much of the dirt and organic matter that wafts through the air and lands on the fabric. That matter not only diminishes the water resistance, but it also creates a food source for mildew. Brush off any dirt immediately, as allowing it to remain on the cover can result in getting more deeply embedded into the fabric.**

#### **• Clean with a mixture of soap water**

- Using a soft brush and light pressure, apply the soap and water solution to the fabric. Thoroughly rinse the fabric and allow it to air dry. Leaving soap residue can be worse than not cleaning it at all.
- For mildew stains, prepare a solution of one (1) cup of bleach plus ½ cup of mildew detergent per gallon of water. Spray the entire area and allow soaking. Rinse with clean water and allow to air dry. **\*\*\*BE SURE TO RINSE THE BLEACH OFF THE FABRIC\*\*\***
- Protect the areas of the cover such as sewing thread and reinforcements so the bleach does not come in contact as it may deteriorate these components.

**\*Always let the cover dry completely before rolling or storing the cover in its bag, to avoid mildew or fabric damage.**