

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS - CARE & USE GUIDELINES

### Skeeter CoverLift

Please carefully read this entire instruction sheet before proceeding. To emphasize special information you may see these symbols and words:



#### WARNING

INDICATES POTENTIAL HAZARD THAT COULD RESULT IN DEATH OR INJURY



#### CAUTION

INDICATES POTENTIAL HAZARD THAT COULD RESULT IN BOAT DAMAGE



#### NOTE

INDICATES SPECIAL INFORMATION TO MAKE MAINTENANCE EASIER OR INSTRUCTIONS CLEARER

Pay special attention to these messages. It is very important to us that you read and understand these installation instructions. If while reading these instructions you are unsure about installing the cover, please feel free to contact the dealer where you purchased your boat. Improper installation as a result of not following these instructions may result in damage to the canvas that is not covered by the warranty.

### INSTALLATION:



#### NOTE

If you need to install mounting hardware you will need a tape measure, a grease pencil/crayon, pen, #2 Phillips screwdriver or bit, power drill, drill bit, safety glasses

#### Congratulations, you have purchased the latest innovation in boat covers!

This cover uses a new way to fasten to your boat. It has a support system that uses no poles. You don't need to crawl under the cover to prop up the poles. Instead a unique rope-ratchet & strap support system is securely sewn into the underside of the cover. Once the cover is installed on the boat you simply pull on the rope ratchet to create tension with the straps underneath. The straps rise up slightly creating the tented effect so that water/rain will run off the cover.

#### STEP 1 - INSTALLING SPECIAL HARDWARE FOR YOUR COVER

Your boat dealer or the factory may have pre-installed the mounting hardware for the cover - if yes, skip to step 3. If this has not been done please follow these instructions. Locate the mounting hardware and make sure you have all of the parts indicated.

#### MOUNTING HARDWARE (QUANTITY) IF YOU NEED TO INSTALL:



BUTTON  
QTY. 2



LAG SCREW  
QTY. 2

#### STEP 2

Using a tape measure, locate where each button will be installed for the boat model you own. Measure from the aft cleat backwards 9", and 2" from inside edge of gunnel. Mark the spot with the grease pencil. Repeat on the other side of the boat. If a cleat or other obstruction is in that spot, move the button so you have 2" of clearance around it.

## LAG SCREW INSTALLATION: LAG SCREW INSTALLATION IS TYPICALLY FOR FIBERGLASS BOATS WHERE YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE BACKSIDE OF THE MOUNTING SURFACE.

Determine mounting location. Drill a pilot hole into the surface. The included #14 screw should use a 7/32" drill for the pilot hole. Add some water tight sealant into and around the hole to ensure no water can get in. We recommend 3M Marine 4000 / 4200 adhesive sealant. Install the screw through the button and into the hole. Tighten the screw/button assembly to the surface. Be careful not to over tighten, as this can warp, crack, or deform the mounting surface.



### WARNING

*if you have never drilled into fiberglass before, do some research and consult an expert. There are many methods (using masking tape over drill location, adding epoxy, adding a countersink, etc.) to consider. We recommend using a piece of masking tape at the hole location, drilling the appropriate size, and then countersinking the hole to allow relief. Again, have an expert installer do this if you are not comfortable. Fiberglass cracks very easily, and if you do not drill it correctly it can crack or spider out even days or months later.*



### WARNING

*Be sure there is no wiring, fuel lines, or other items inside or behind the surface or item you are drilling through.*

### STEP 3 - PUTTING THE COVER ON THE BOAT

Unfold the cover and locate the sewn-in white ID tag at the front of the cover. Carefully review and become familiar with the strap and rope ratchet system on the underside of the cover. Carefully lay the cover over the boat from front to back going over the windshield. Make sure the cover is positioned evenly over the bow or nose of the boat (see Figure 2).

The cover pattern was created with the factory approved standard trolling motor installed on the boat (See Fig.2). Your boat cover may not fit as designed if: (a) your local dealer installed the trolling motor and its mounting location may not match the factory specified location, (b) a different trolling motor brand, model, or size is on your boat. An ill-fitting cover due to these issues is not a defect or a valid warranty claim. You should contact your local dealer or Warrior Boats if you have cover fit issues related to an installed trolling motor. Before covering the trolling motor, turn it so the blades and throttle stick point to the center of the boat and the shaft is pulled as far back as possible.

Pull the cover to the back of the boat so it reaches and covers the back. On the underside, locate the underside and attach the strap buckle key-hole slot over the installed button on each side of the boat securing them tightly (see Fig. 4)). Secure the aft corners of the cover to the boat (Fig. 3). Locate the hooks at the aft corners of the cover and secure them to the transom U-bolts (see Fig. 3).

Locate the ratchet pockets on each side of the cover at the aft and zip them open (see Fig. 3). Locate the end of the rope that is threaded through the ratched and pull it until all slack is gone. Repeat on the other side.



FIG. 2



FIG. 3



FIG. 4

Tighten side ratchets by activating the ratchet lever so the cover cinches over the rub rail evenly. Be sure to keep both port and starboard ratchets centered in the ratchet pockets. Re-inspect your cover to ensure the ratchet system is tight and under the rub rail. If the cover is right against the boat you should not be able to get your fingers under the hem edge of the cover. If loose, continue to tighten the ratchets (see Fig. 7)

#### STEP 4

The Cover-Lift support system can now be activated on either side of the cover. At the back of the cover, open the zippers and locate the rope attached to the ratchet (see Fig. 5). Pull the rope as tight as you can. The fully tightened rope ratchet creates the tension on the straps going from the front of the boat to the back corners. This slightly lifts the cover providing support and creating slope for rain/water to run off the cover (see Fig. 6 & 7).

A properly installed cover should look like the photo in Fig 6 and 7.



FIG. 5



FIG. 6



FIG. 7

**STEP 5**

Trailing straps must be properly installed when trailering your boat. Locate the 2 straps and side buckles on the cover (1 on each side at mid-ship). Thread web strap through the buckle, around the trailer, then through the buckle. Add a twist and pull tight prior to trailering (see Fig. 8).

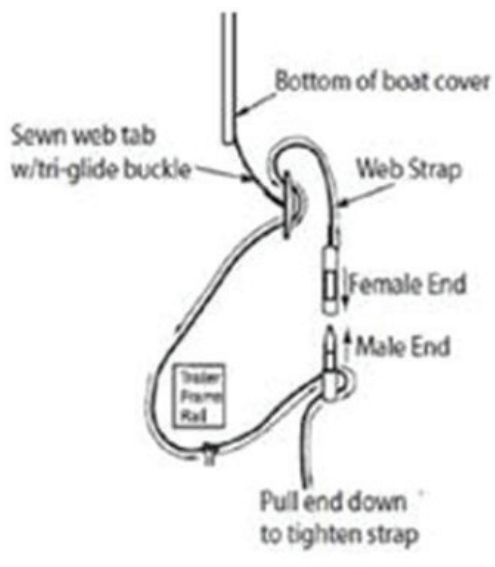


FIG. 8

**STEP 6**

To remove the cover, loosen the tension on the Cover-Lift support system by opening the zippers (see Fig. 5) and pull the rope and loosen the ratchet by pressing on the silver tab on the underside of the ratchet and pull the rope loose (see Fig. 9)

Open the ratchet pockets on both sides of the cover (see Fig. 3) and pull on the tab (see Fig. 10) and fold open the metal ratchet lever all the way flat until the tension is released (see Fig. 11). Remove the metal hooks from the transom U-bolts. Lift off the aft corners of the cover and un-hook the key-hole buckles from the buttons. The cover can be removed now. Carefully fold and roll up the cover and put it away for storage.



FIG. 9



FIG. 10



FIG. 11

**STORAGE AND CARE**

- Proper care and maintenance of the canvas will maximize its useful life. The fabric used for the cover has coatings for water repellency and mildew resistance. It is important to follow these instructions to maintain these benefits.
- Never store the canvas while it is wet or dirty. Make sure the canvas is completely dry and clean prior to storage as this will help prevent mildew growth which will damage the fabric.
- Clean the canvas with mild soap and water to remove dirt, bird droppings, etc. Do not steam or pressure wash.
- Prevent sharp objects, solvents, and hot items from coming in contact with all canvas parts.
- Do not allow snow, ice, or water to accumulate on the cover as this may cause damage.