Flying Scot — Launch Checklist (Front)

From mast-up storage to floating at dock. Print double-sided (flip on short edge) for front/back cards.

1. Prepare parked boat for tow and launch

Check	Step	Description
☐	Hitch trailer	Coupler latched, pin in, safety chains on, jack up
☐	Remove cover	Take off and stow off ground to avoid ants
☐	Inspect rig	Mast, shrouds, forestay, spreaders, cotter pins/tape
☐	Halyards clear	Not wrapped around mast; run fair
☐	Sails secured	Flaked on boom/forestay with ties
☐	Main setup	Slugs in track, tack at gooseneck, clew to outhaul
☐	Jib setup	Hanks/furling secure; sheets led outside shrouds
☐	Mainsheet	Attached to traveler/bridle and boom
☐	Check spinnaker sheets	Spinnaker sheets installed properly and connected to spinnaker
☐	Check spinnaker halyard	Spinnaker halyard installed properly and connected to head of spinnaker
☐	Vang attached	Connected, slack for now
☐	Centerboard up	Uphaul secured; check for crank handle on board
☐	**Install drain plug**	Tighten now to avoid misses
☐	Load safety gear	Dock lines, fenders, PFDs, paddle, anchor, throwable, first aid
☐	Secure loose gear	Stow in cockpit or vehicle
☐	Walk-around	Final hazard and gear check; remove chocks

2. Ramp & launch

Check	Step	Description
☐	Park clear	Stay out of ramp traffic
☐	Dock lines & fenders	Attach lines fore/aft; fenders dock side
☐	Rudder up, halyards ready	Rudder locked up; halyards free; tiller stored on center (bungee or free sheet)
☐	Centerboard secured	Still up
☐	Wind check	Plan docking side and hoist angle
☐	Bow secured	Painter attached
☐	Apron pause	Last step on ramp: remove winch strap & safety chain, retain painter
☐	Back in until boat floats away	Trailer deep enough; crew retains control using painter
☐	Guide off	Use bow & stern lines
☐	Secure to dock	Fore and aft using cleat hitch

Departure tip: leave under main alone; hoist jib when clear and stable.

3. Final rigging afloat

Check	Step	Description
☐	Lower rudder blade	Secure downhaul
☐	Hoist main	Into wind; halyard, cunningham, outhaul set
☐	Remove mast supports	If used for storage
☐	Hoist jib	Set halyard tension for conditions
☐	Lower Centerboard	Lower slowely, make sure the line is free.
☐	Stow trailer gear	Back in the vehicle
☐	Safety check	Centerboard ready; sheets free; crew briefed

Flying Scot — Recovery & Storage Checklist (Back)

From sailing to mast-up storage, covered.

1. Approach & docking

Check	Step	Description
☐	Drop/furl jib early	Reduce power; improve visibility
☐	Check painter	Tie painter to front cleat if needed.
☐	Ease main to slow	Control speed, Button hook into wind and use sail as an air brake to control speed
☐	Luff alongside	Stop cleanly into wind
☐	Secure bow, then stern	Crew steps ashore with bow line, let boom out. Crew ties off using cleat hitch

2. De-rig at dock

Check	Step	Description
☐	Drop & flake main	Secure to boom, support boom using boom crutch
☐	Flake/furl jib	Tidy on forestay or furl
☐	Coil & secure lines	Sheets and halyards
☐	Rudder up & secure	Protect the blade
☐	Raise Centerboard	Use line to raise centerboard until tight, secure line in cleat.
☐	Fenders on	If not already hung

3. Load onto trailer

Check	Step	Description
☐	Retrieve trailer	Back down ramp straight
☐	Release dock lines	Keep bow line in hand
☐	Guide onto trailer	Walk with bow line; float on straight
☐	Winch to 8-12 inches slack	Leave enough slack in the winch line to allow the boat to rotate from partial float to level.
☐	Winch to bow stop	Once boat trailer is up on the level, crack winch to bow stop.Attach safety chain
☐	Pull clear of water	Stop on ramp apron
☐	Remove drain plug	Let water out before towing
☐	Rinse boat & trailer	If needed, and no one is waiting

4. Return to mast-up storage

Check	Step	Description
☐	Tow to storage	Drive carefully
☐	Chock trailer wheels	Prevent movement
☐	verify plug removed	Remove drain plug, stow in bow of trailer/boat up to ensure free drainage
☐	Remove loose gear	Vehicle or locker
☐	Inspect rigging	Note wear/damage
☐	Cover sails	Boom/mainsail cover; jib cover if used
☐	Install full boat cover	Secure straps/ties
☐	Final walk-around	Cover tight; nothing loose
☐	**Unhitch trailer**	Last step only