

		OPERATIONS
8		Launch vehicle after launching

Rig manoeuvring on beach

Once the Lifeboat has left the launch vehicle the tractor driver takes full responsibility for the work of the launch vehicle and its operation.

The driver should keep listening to the radio at all times.

The driver should take care to position the rig on the beach to be of as little inconvenience to the public as possible, notwithstanding operational requirements.

If grading of the beach is necessary, this should be done as efficiently as possible without disturbing the public’s enjoyment of the beach. The driver should keep a watch on the public, children in particular, and should request shore crew if available for marshalling.

A banksman with a high vis jacket and radio is required when grading the beach.

Rigging the net

The net should be rigged immediately for every call-out unless the conditions are clearly suitable for stern recovery (or netless bow recovery – conditions as per stern recovery). The driver and shore crew should ready the net and take care when climbing the trailer. This may be wet and slippery after exiting the water.

The Rig lights should be used, or torches, in darkness to ensure that the net is rigged correctly.