# ALASKA MARINE LINES

# BOAT CRADLE SPECS

A cradle must be suitable for the carriage of the boat, in accordance with the following **minimum** specifications: See diagram and photos below.
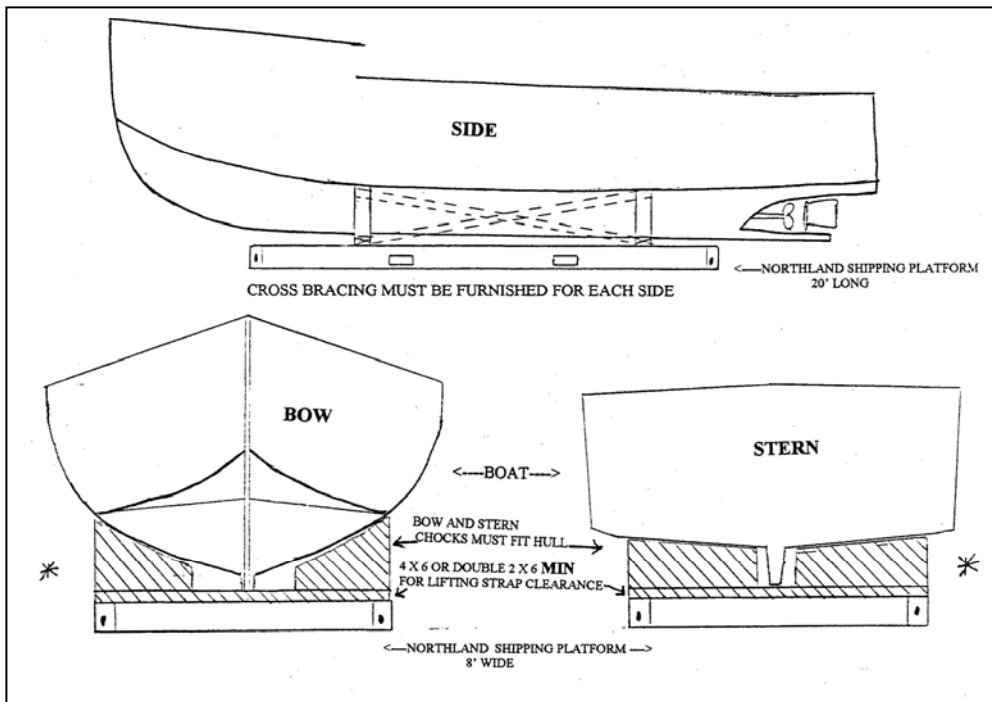
Two cradle sections must be provided.  One for the bow, and one for the stern.  Twin screw boats with twin keels need one for the bow only. Cradles should be made of 6 x 6 lumber with bracing, 2 x 6's boxed with plywood or similar stronger material.

Cross bracing's are required and should be at least 2 x 4.

The cradle must conform as closely as possible to the shaped of the hull.  (Shims and wedges will, if necessary be provided by Alaska Marine Lines.) The bow and stern cradle sections should keep the boat in an upright position and in most instances the weight of the boat should be carried on the keel.  Hulls and cradles should be marked for ease in alignment when placing the boat on the cradle at Alaska Marine Lines, Inc.

Cradles must not be wider than 8'.  Cradles over 8' will overhang the shipping platform and not support the boat at the cradle ends.  This could cause damage to the cradle and the boat.

Cradles should arrive with or before your boat.



\* CHOCKS MUST BE 8' WIDE OR LESS. All bearing points must be on 8' wide shipping platforms.

**Note:** No dimensions are given here except the size of the shipping platform. Boats have different, unique, shapes.  It is the owner/shippers responsibility to provide a cradle that fits the hull of the boat he or she is delivering to Alaska Marine Lines.  When necessary Alaska Marine Lines will provide necessary shims, blocks & padding to make minor cradle adjustments.

Boat is secure on cradle.

Boat and cradle are secure on platform. Note cradle does not exceed dimensions of the platform.

Example of a flat bottom boat. This boat does not require a cradle.