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Now that summer is in full swing, getting to the water is top priority for boaters and watersport lovers. While it's a great time to relax with family and friends there are some things one cannot relax about if you really want a carefree outing or holiday. One of them is the validity of your licence and whether you're towing legally or not!

Do you know?

Your vehicle in-dash manual will reflect your Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM). Each trailer has a different gross vehicle mass (GVM) and a different tare (unladen kerb/license mass). The total weight/load you can carry is the difference between the GVM and the tare. The higher the GVM of the trailer the more it can legally carry.

But be warned – the GVM is not allowed to exceed the tare of the vehicle towing it. The authorities look at the GVM figure on the drawbar – not the load being carried – even if you are towing an empty caravan or trailer. Check with your Road Traffic Inspectorate if you are not sure about your outfit.

SODWANA OET Bill and Gamefish Tournament

Club Marine dealer Lowrance South Africa had to make sure their new Ace Glider 750 got to this popular annual

competition without incident. This involved a sponsorship from U.S. Truck Sales of a RAM Truck 6.7-litre Hemi V8 double cab which is able to tow up to 4-tons and arranging a driver with a Code 10 licence.

According to Lowrance's national sales director, Silan Naicker, it was well worth the peace of mind – especially as the authorities are becoming increasingly more vigilant. Club Marine's operations manager Russell teamed up with Paul Trollope (Boating International), Silan Naicker (Lowrance), Greg Alice (Boating World) and Mark de la Hey to fish off this stunning outfit.



Billfish 15000

The OET was followed by another prestigious event on the fishing calendar and Club Marine sponsored a prize for the first time last year. A colour, hand-held GPS was awarded to the best maintained outfit.

About 400 anglers take part in this

competition all competing for big cash prizes. To qualify for weigh-in the minimum weight of a Billfish is 150 kg. This competition actively contributes towards research by assisting ORI in collecting pictorial fin samples and T&R cards of every Billfish released.

Trailer care

Club Marine has had a noticeable increase in trailer claims. To stay ahead of trouble please note these valuable maintenance tips from trailer manufacturer Derrick Donaldson of Coastal Trailers in Durban:

- On your first trip tighten the wheel nuts after 50 km and thereafter every 100 km.
- Bearings: check your bearings after every immersion in water (fresh or salt) and re-grease.
- Check trailer lights, wheel nuts and tyre pressures before every trip.
- Check towing coupler is securely fitted to towing ball, the safety chain is in place and jockey wheel secured.
- Grease moving parts regularly – jockey wheel, axle, coupler, brake coupler shaft.
- If immersed in sea water rinse well with fresh water and apply Saltaway or a similar product.
- Never overload your trailer.
- Brake trailers: check brake cables regularly – they must be tightened and if necessary adjusted by adjusting the turnbuckle. Remember to reset and tighten the lock nut.
- Always travel at a safe towing speed – 80km an hour max.

Remember our Club Care Boat/Trailer 24/7/365 Emergency call centre will assist locally and across our borders for breakdowns. They will take the boat/trailer to a place of storage at no additional cost to client and send the correct tow truck/flatbed to handle boat trailers. They also assist the vehicle not insured through Club Marine. **LB**