**BBOP Boat Launch Protocol**

1. **Arrival and Preparation:**
   * Upon arrival, all crew members bail canoes. ​
   * Steers or any crew member place a bumper in the stern area. ​
2. **Lifting the Spec Canoe:** ​
   * Taller individuals should be positioned by the ama when lifting. ​
   * One person will call the lift, and the cart should be placed between seats 3 and 4. ​
   * After lifting, 1-2 additional people should assist in passing the ama. ​
   * Positioning: One person in the front (non-ama side), 1-2 on the ama, and 3 on the back. ​
3. **Lifting the Unlimited**
4. **Bringing the Canoe Down to the Water:** ​
   * Move slowly and carefully. ​
   * Once the bow is in the water, the front person and one person on the ama will move to the back to help with the canoe. ​
   * Let the ama down lightly to avoid landing on rocks or hard surfaces. People on the ama go to the back and help with putting the canoe in the water. The back of the canoe gets heavy once everyone lets go. ​
   * Ensure everyone is ready: one person on the cart, and the canoe should be mostly in the water. ​
   * One person will call to lift the canoe, and another will be ready with the bumper, placed close to the water line. ​
   * The steersperson holds the canoe while seat 5 takes the cart back to the top (inside the gate or by the ecology concrete blocks). ​
   * Avoid stepping on paddles and seats when getting into the canoe. ​
5. **Returning to the CBC:** ​
   * Listen to your steersperson. ​
   * Seat 1 exits first to place the fender on the ramp beneath the canoe and hold the canoe. ​ In rough water, seat 2 should assist seat 1 in holding the canoe and watch the ama to prevent it from hitting rocks or the dock. ​
   * Seat 1 retrieves the cart and places it between seats 3 and 4 (look for a mark on the gunnel aka mo’o). ​
   * Seat 6 should remain in the canoe until everyone else is out to keep the canoe in place. ​
6. **Stowing Canoes:** ​
   * Keep canoe hulls close together, with cradles staggered and placed in painted areas on the ground. ​
   * One person should be inside the ama to help with placement before lifting. ​ Two people should be on the ama before lifting, and one person on the cart. ​ Everyone else assists with lifting. ​
   * Canoes should be positioned so that the `iakos are roughly aligned.
   * Place paddling/PFDs between each ama and the underlying `iako or rack to ensure it is not damaged.
   * If the ama is significantly elevated or there is likely to be wind, loosely tie amas to the rack with available line.