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BOAT LIFT & SLIP WIDTH WORKSHEET

How to Measure the Dock Opening and Lift Entry to See What Size Boat It Will Accommodate

GULF COAST WORKSHEET



1. SITE DETAILS

Property / dock address _____

Date _____ Time of day _____

Tide stage / condition _____

Measured by _____

Notes _____

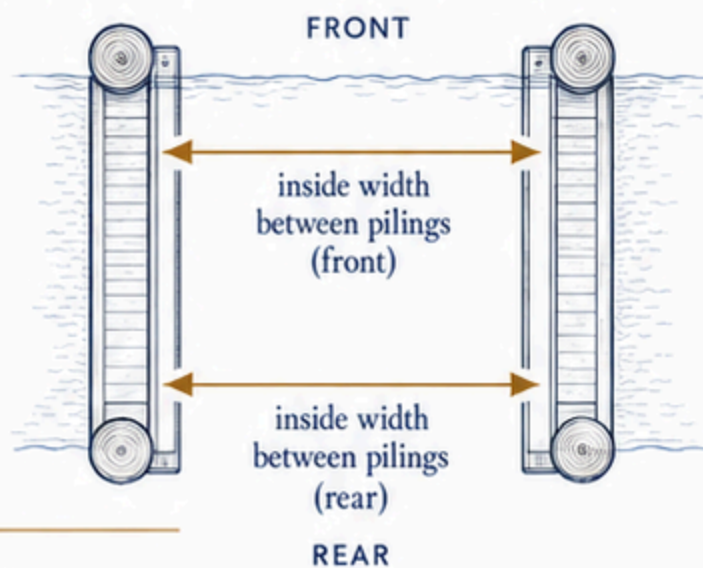
2. STRUCTURAL OPENING: INSIDE WIDTH BETWEEN PILINGS

Measure from the inside face of one piling to the inside face of the opposite piling.

Front: _____ ft _____ in

Rear: _____ ft _____ in

Narrowest point: _____ ft _____ in



3. PRACTICAL BOAT ENTRY OPENING:

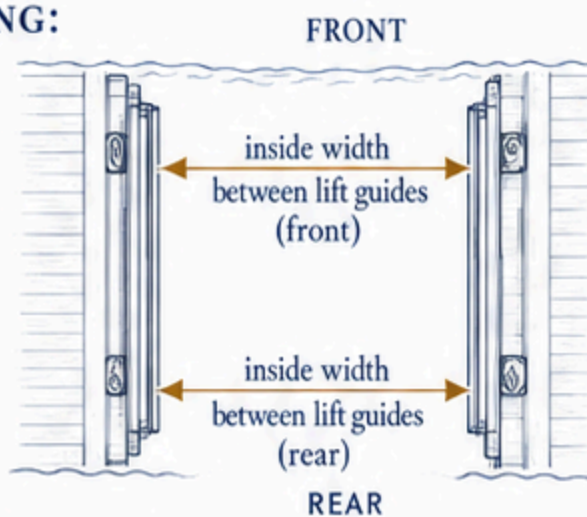
INSIDE WIDTH BETWEEN LIFT GUIDES

Measure from the inside edge of one lift guide to the inside edge of the opposite lift guide.

Front: _____ ft _____ in

Rear: _____ ft _____ in

Narrowest point: _____ ft _____ in



4. QUICK NOTES



5. WHY BOTH MATTER

Inside width between pilings shows the structural opening of the slip.
Inside width between lift guides shows the practical boat entry width.
The narrower measurement is often the limiting factor.



Helpful Tip: Measure both the front and rear because pilings and guides are not always perfectly parallel. Always compare the narrowest measurement to the boat's beam and allow extra clearance for fenders and maneuvering.



— Planning worksheet only. Measurements, lift compatibility, tide, and navigation access should always be independently verified. —