

DINGHY DAVIT

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I recently purchased a 1999 4788. There was no dinghy cradle installed on the bridge and the dinghy that was included in the purchase price was "over the hill" and probably never used. I purchased a "Brig F360L" dinghy with a 20hp engine. The dinghy is 12 ft long, however, it has a fairly high centre console and windshield. The entire package weighs approx 375 lbs. so weight should not be a factor, however, I cannot lift and swing the boat (cannot clear the railing adjacent to the stairs down to the aft cockpit). The crane itself is quite "stiff" (perhaps from lack of use) I am 70 yrs old and would like something easier to maneuver - is it possible to refit this crane with hydraulic rotation or am I looking at an entirely different package ? Any comments would be most appreciated.

I drilled a hole in the rotation arm of our davit close to where the bushing is located and pumped **Super Lube** into it and worked it back and fourth until the davit rotated with very little effort. This was 2 years ago and it still works great. I can pick the dinghy out of the water and have it stowed in minutes single handed and my Novurania weighs close to 500 lbs + loaded and have NO problems. I have even used this davit to lift and load a 700 lb jet ski and was able to load it solo as well. Also put the Weaver swivel pedestals in place of the teak wood and that made a big difference.

Hope this helps.

Mike 😊