



## **Tips for Securing Your North Atlantic Inflatables, All-Weather, RIB cover**

North Atlantic Inflatables boat covers are specifically designed for our boats by a local craftsman in Buxton, Maine. Some of their advantages are:

- Sturdy fabric and stitching yet lightweight for transport and storage
- Comes with its own carrying bag
- Well vented to prevent moisture and mold build up
- Adjustable poles to tent the cover
- Stainless hooks that attach to each D-ring and transom eyes to secure cover, even in the wind

This cover underwent customer testing and various design modifications to ensure the proper fit and easy installation on your North Atlantic Inflatable RIB. It is designed to cover the powerhead of your motor as well but also fits boats that have no motor on them.

Your cover has extendable support pole(s) contained in a storage bag. These poles will snap into the cover to create a tent-like effect to keep water and debris from pooling on the cover. You can adjust the height as you see fit. (8'8" and under covers have 1 adjustable pole and boats 9'8" and over have 2.)

The cover has hooks that secure around your boat to hold it in place, even on a very windy day. Starting at the front, there is 1 hook at the center of the bow, 2 hooks for port and starboard bow D-rings, 3 hooks for each port and starboard side life-line D-rings, and 2 hooks for securing the cover on the outside of your transom.

### **Here are helpful, step-by-step tips for putting on your cover when at a boat dock from a customer:**

If you are putting on the cover when the dinghy is on the water at a dock, I recommend sitting in the boat and starting at the stern, moving forward along both sides, to finish at the bow on the side closest to the dock. After much testing, this proved to be the easiest way because the stern and engine area is congested and it is easier to secure the hooks behind the transom when you start rather than at the end of putting on the cover. Then I worked forward and left a gap on the side of the bow for stepping onto the dock to secure the last hooks. You can see this method in our short video above and here are written tips below.

### **This video, on our website, shows how to install the cover when a boat is at the dock:**

<https://www.northatlanticinflatables.com/product-page/deluxe-boat-cover-for-our-aluminum-ribs>

1. Locate the bow end of the cover (look for the little tag sewn into the hem marked for the bow.) Lay the cover along your boat, leaving yourself enough room to work in the boat.
2. Stretch the cover over the engine hood, locate the two hooks with black elastic straps and fasten both hooks to the welded eyes on the outside of your transom on either side of your engine.

3. Stretch the cover fabric over the end of the stern tubes. Pull the tension cording in the hem of your cover over the rub rail lip on each stern tube. This is not important for the integrity of the cover's performance, but it looks better. The hooks are really what are holding the cover in place.
4. Now you are ready to move forward in your boat. Secure the next hooks in your cover to the port and starboard D-rings along your life-line rope nearest the stern.
5. Grab one of the extendable poles that came with your cover and extend it enough so it will create a tent-like effect under your cover. Snap the end of the pole into the receptor sewn into the underside of the cover. Stand the pole upright in the boat. It may wobble as you move forward and that's OK. (Note: 8'8" dinghies will have 1 pole, larger boat covers will have 2 poles. If you have a center-console boat, you may choose not to use your extendable poles as your console will provide the tent-like effect.)
6. Continue to secure the next 2 hooks on both port and starboard and fasten the second extendable pole as in Step Five to the second underside snap fitting if you have a 2nd pole.
7. At this juncture, we suggest you fasten the last remaining hook on the D-ring at the end of the life-line rope on either port or starboard, depending on which side you will need open to step out of the boat to the dock.
8. Snap the bow hook to the bow ring at the very front of your boat (just under the plastic handle) and figure out your "exiting the boat" procedure. You have two remaining hooks to secure - the lower bow connection on the exit side and the last life-line ring on the exit side. We suggest you exit the boat onto the dock, connect these two snaps appropriately and celebrate how easy that was. You can adjust any fabric along the side over the rub rail as needed. If you did not extend the poles high enough, just fix that the next time the cover comes off.

**SIMPLE! AND IT GETS EASIER EACH TIME.  
ENJOY YOUR NORTH ATLANTIC INFLATABLE CUSTOM BOAT COVER.**

**THANK YOU!**

