

## INSTALLING THE BIMINI TOP ON THE BOAT

Step 1. The Bimini Top is now ready to be inverted and positioned on the boat. This is easier with two or more people, one to hold the top in place, while another marks the positions of the hinges to be attached to the gunnel of the boat.

Step 2. Measure the marked position of the hinges carefully to make sure they are exactly opposite each other. If not aligned properly, the top may become warped or damaged and unstable while in use, or look unbalanced.

Step 3. Use a drill with a 9/64" bit to drill the pilot holes for the deck hinges. If drilling into fiberglass hollow out the pilot hole to avoid cracking fiberglass when installing the screws. Secure the deck hinges with 1", no. 10 sheet metal screws provided.

Step 4. Place top on boat, attaching the long bow ends to the hinges securely. Raise top to desired upright position and adjust each hold-down strap. Straps should be adjusted to a length that attaches to the boat at approximately 45 to 60 degree angles to hold the top securely to boat.

Step 5. Mark the position of the eye straps on the gunnel of the boat, measuring to make sure they are exactly opposite each other on the sides of the boat. Use a drill with a 9/64" bit to drill the pilot holes for the eye straps. Be sure to hollow out the pilot holes with the drill bit if drilling into fiberglass. Secure the eye straps with 1", no. 10 sheet metal screws provided.

Step 6. Attach the snap hook to the eye straps and adjust the hold down straps.

Important note to Top Installer/User: Be sure all set screws, fittings and pre-installed hardware are tight.

Desired crown on Bimini Top can be achieved using adjuster straps after installation is completed.

