

ANCHOR

Anchor manoeuvre
Anchorage
Weather forecast

Anchoring is simple and if you realize some tips and tricks, you can master this from the first day. It's lovely to be the only boat in a quiet bay so it's worth knowing how to anchor.



4 good reasons to anchor

- Ⓜ No charges for staying in the harbour
- Ⓜ The best way to swim
- Ⓜ Great to be in the countryside
- Ⓜ The most privacy (keep distance to your neighbour about 4 to 7 boat length)

Apps for observation the weather and forecast

www.windfinder.com
www.weatheronline.co.uk

Anchor out

It's time for swimming? A houseboat is the best outdoor-pool: Water without chlorine, your own fitting room, nobody tramps through your blankets and you don't have to buy overpriced drinks and snacks, you only have to go to your fridge.

- Ⓜ Assure yourself that the water is deep enough to jump in!
- Ⓜ Before jumping into the water, let down the boarding ladder!

Please ...

- Ⓜ ... don't anchor too close to your neighbours on the water. (Pay attention that the boats will rotate around the anchor!)
- Ⓜ ... don't touch the windlass or the anchor chain directly. (risk of injury)
- Ⓜ ... don't get angry if the anchor wont grip at first time. Try again, maybe with more chain.

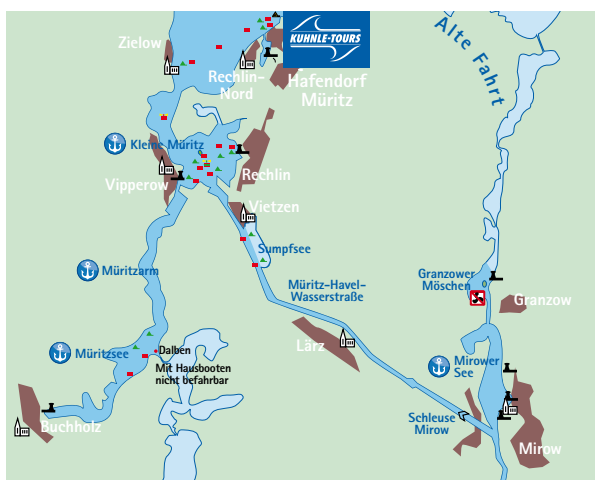
At the bow of our boats you'll find the windlass. It's important to know how to use it. Apart from the Aquino boat all of our windlasses are manual. On sport boat and some of the Febomobil there is a grapple with a rope.

How to anchor:

- Ⓜ First check the weather forecast.
- Ⓜ Choose your anchorage. With the echo sounder you can choose a place with the right water depth of between 1.5 and 5 metres. You don't want to let out all the anchor chain. If you are anchoring during the day you need to let out between three and five times as much chain as the depth of the water. If you are anchoring at night it should be between five and eight times. Pay attention that the boats will rotate around the anchor!
- Ⓜ Set the bow of the boat in direction of the wind and slow down the boat.
- Ⓜ Take the winch lever (you'll find it at the bow box or near the driving was) and put it into the star nut at the side by the windlass. Turn the winch lever slowly counterclockwise, so the winch gets unbound and the anchor falls down. This process can be stopped or slowed down at any time by turning back the winch lever (clockwise). Always let the anchor chain get down in stages, not all at once, so it can not fall down on the anchor. The same procedure for the anchor leash: not all at once and always be careful about having belayed a cleat with it before let falling down.

- Ⓜ The boat is now moving in the direction of the wind away from the anchor. If there is no wind the boat may move backwards.
- Ⓜ Stop the engine and check if the anchor stops: Put your hand on the chain/ leash – if there are vibrations or it is sliding, the anchor won't grip.

There are good places for your first anchor attempts south of the Hafendorf Müritz: around the island in the Small Müritz (Kleine Müritz), between Vipperow and Buchholz in the Müritzarm and in the Mirow lake (Mirower See) in the northwestern bay.

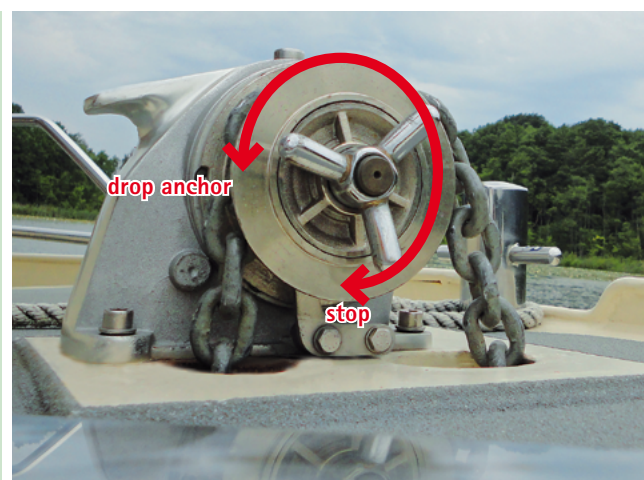
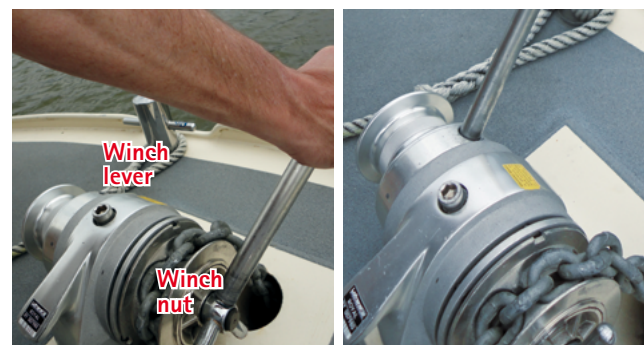


Leaving your anchorage:

- Ⓜ Start the engine without using the thrusters otherwise grass and stones can get trapped in the propeller and damage it.
- Ⓜ Check if the star nut is solid (not too strong, not too slack). Put the winch lever in the hole at the other side of the windlass and move back and forth. If there's a resistance or it's difficult wait if the boat is moving in direction of the anchor. It doesn't work? Look into the bow box, if the chain lays too high she can't be hauled in. Lock the winch and pull up the chain into the bow box. If you did anchor with an anchor leash, haul in slowly and keep an eye on the anchor so you don't damage the boat.
- Ⓜ Boat against the wind? Use the engine to move on in the direction of the anchor. Be careful not to run over the anchor.
- Ⓜ As soon as the anchor is coming up, check up if there is any grass or stones attached and remove.
- Ⓜ Leave the anchorage slowly to deeper water.

To let go of the anchor:
put the winch lever on a frame of the winch nut.

To raise the anchor:
insert the winch lever into the hole of the anchor winch.



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Hydraulic
anchor winch

