



Preparing for the Marine Survey:

Arranging for a survey can be a very trying time no matter what the purpose of the inspection. In an attempt to help you with this process we have some suggestions that may help you. Even though, our comments here are directed toward a pre-purchase survey, many of the comments and suggestions can be applied to the preparations for any type of inspection.

Buying a vessel is an exciting and often stressful time, and there is a temptation to leap before looking. This often leads to a rushed process, and naturally, this should be avoided. After all, there is a basis in the cliché, "The two happiest moments in a boat owner's life are the day he buys the boat and the day that he sells it." A rushed purchase just increases the likelihood that this saying could apply to you.

First, prepare yourself for the crucial role the marine survey plays in the purchase of a boat. Make sure you allow enough time in the contract to engage the surveyor of your choice, make survey arrangements, provide for survey report preparation, report delivery, and sufficient time to consider the survey findings before you accept the boat. No marine survey is complete until the written report is in your hands and you have sufficiently reviewed and discussed the findings of the report before accepting the vessel. Others with an interest in the outcome of the transaction may find this recommendation frustrating but it is in your best interest to insure that the terms of the contract give you adequate time. When choosing a time frame, you should consider several factors such as finding a surveyor, surveyor availability, location of the boat, yard schedules and even the weather. Your purchase agreement should also include a contingency for the results of a satisfactory marine survey. Remember, "Satisfactory" means that the information in the survey report must satisfy you, the purchaser and satisfy the requirements of other entities that may underwrite your decision. These entities include but might not be limited to your partners in ownership, a lender, and insurance company.

Preparing the vessel for inspection and making it readily accessible for the surveyor's inspection will save time and expense. Owners, sellers or their authorized representatives (captain, broker, etc.) should make sure that the vessel is prepared for the inspection by making sure that all compartments are unlocked, stores and excess equipment are removed and maximum potential access to all areas of the vessel is provided.

The following checklist may be handy when making preparations. We suggest that you make two copies and give one to the broker or owner to help them make the necessary preparations. Please, keep in mind that a properly prepared vessel can save you both time and additional expenses.

Note: An additional fee may apply due to excessive extra equipment or the vessel is in extremely poor condition. Additional charges based on our hourly fee will apply if the surveyor has to unload and re-pack stuffed lockers or cabin areas in order to conduct the inspection.

Attachments/checklist



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Contact Name Phone			
Sea Trial Arrangements Made. Captain & Sufficient crew available to handle the vessel without involvement of the surveyor.			
Contact Name Phone			
Vessel's Keys/Combinations Available			
Vessel Adequately Insured			
State Registration and/or USCG Documentation Aboard and Current			
Log & Service Records Inboard			
Equipment Manuals Aboard			
USCG Required Safety Equipment Aboard and in Working Order			
Safety Systems Operational			
Bilge Pumps Operational			
Sea Valves Operational			
All items being sold with vessel installed and operational			
Vessel Clean & Tidy			
All Areas Accessible & Excess Gear Removed			
Lockers Clear of Gear			
Bilges Clean & Dry			
DC Power Available (Batteries Installed & Ready)			
AC Power Available			
Electronics Installed			
Engine(s) / Generator(s) Ready & Fluids Checked(Not started within 24 Hrs of inspection)			
Sufficient Fuel in Fuel Tanks for Sea Trial			
Water Tanks Full & Water System Ready			
Toilets Ready – Holding Tank Empty			
All Covers Removed & Canvas (Biminis/Dodgers) Deployed			
Sailboat Rigging & Sails Ready for Inspection			
Sailboat Rigging & Sails Ready for Hosting During Sea Trial			

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