



## HOW TO PREPARE YOUR BOAT FOR SHIPMENT

Remember; think of your boat as riding out a 70-knot gale for several days, and a jarring effect every ten feet with the seams in concrete highways.

1. All items inside your boat such as gallery utensils, plates, cups etc. should be properly secured.
2. Remember, any item can “walk” during shipment. Make sure all items are secure.
  - Anchors should be wrapped and stored below.
  - All depth sounders, compasses, etc. should be removed and secured inside the craft.
  - All ports, hatches and windows should be locked and taped shut.
  - All hatches must be secured with rope.
  - Lock the boat and take the key with you.
3. To prevent water damage to cloth or canvass covers, tops and side curtains should be removed prior to shipment. We do not assume responsibility for canvass covers or tops, which remain topside during shipment.
4. Personal belongings and equipment must be itemized and verified by our driver prior to shipment. We cannot assume responsibility for missing items not carefully accounted for in writing.
5. If you're planning to ship your boat on a cradle, some extra precautions must be taken.
  - Even though your cradle may serve adequately for storage it may fall short of what's needed for shipping.
  - A cradle should fit the exact contour of your hull and be in good condition if it is to be used for shipment.
  - Your craft must also be well secured on the cradle.
  - We do not assume responsibility for any damages attributed to carrying devices, such as cradles or boat trailers, when they are furnished by or on behalf of the shipper.
6. Safety considerations recommend that all fuel and water be removed from the holding tanks.
7. Cabinet doors and drawers and all lockers inside the craft should be taped shut.
8. Plastic or Plexiglas fly bridge windshields should be removed and stored inside the craft. Lifelines, stanchions, and bow and stern pulpits that render the boat over height need to be removed and stored.
9. Power boat considerations:
  - Remove all propeller, flag masts, lights, outriggers, antennas, etc.
  - If your boat is not low enough to ship with the bridge on, you will have to have a cradle built. Ship the cradle with the bridge on the forward deck or cockpit area. Every point touching the deck must be sufficiently padded.
  - Pack all electronics and valuable items from the bridge below.
10. The transport of sailboats involves a few additional requirements:
  - Standing rigging, turnbuckles, mastheads and bow lights, antennas, spreaders, wind indicators, wires and mast winches should be removed from the mast – after it is unstepped – and prior to shipment.
  - We do not assume liability for damage attributable to rubbing or chafing by equipment left on the mast during shipment.
  - We do not assume liability for damage attributable to rubbing or chafing caused by equipment left on the mast.
  - We do not provide mast holders for the mast, and will not be responsible to the boat or mast caused by the mast being packaged on the boat.
  - Masts will be wrapped in carpet at tie down points; expect some chafing at these points.
  - If the mast is painted it is almost impossible to keep the paint from chafing. We will not be responsible for repainting of masts if chafing occurs.
  - On centerboard sailboats, make sure the board is secured and will stay up in transit.
  - Keel sailboats may expect some separation where the keel joins the hull. This is not structural damage, rather paint and/or filler cracking at the joint.
  - Light built or racing sailboats can expect some hull indentation from support pads. These indentations generally disappear when the boat is returned to the water.
11. We will not be responsible for any damage caused by shrink-wrap or damage covered up by shrink-wrap. The driver will remove shrink-wrap if it becomes loose in transit and we will not guarantee delivery with shrink-wrap intact.
12. We cannot be responsible for damage due to improper preparation and packaging or loading of the boat by shipper. If not prepared properly the boat will be shipped “as is.”

We will be glad to answer any questions you may have concerning the transportation of your boat. Our forty-plus years of experience will provide you safe delivery.

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