

Transport Boats

This is a guide that helps you with knowing how to prepare when you are going to transport boats.

First off, we start with the basics. When you are going to transport boats, you will obviously have to pack away any loose gear. When you transport boats, there should not be fuel or water in the tanks. You will have to drain the fuel and water tanks. Remove any/all of the drain plugs from the hull. Make sure there is no water in the bilge when you are transporting the boat. In the winter, you must make sure that you drain any water at all from water systems, pumps, air conditioners, and etc. However, some companies are able to accept boats with some water and fuel in the tanks, usually around 25% full but they would rather you drain all of it instead.

Disconnect any batteries and make sure you don't leave them loose. Remove the anchors from the deck of the boat. If your transporting a wooden boat then you should let the boat dry out first. Using linseed oil can help speed up the process.

You will have to remove any and all canvas covers because they will tear and/or fly off during transportation. Permitting your boat has its own cradle, you should survey it for any loose bolts or possible hazards.

Any external accessories on board the boat you will have to pack away securely or remove from the boat. This includes electronics, radars, horns, antennas, flag masts, propellers, and etc.

Hatches should be tied or taped from the outside of the boat. If it leaks you should seal them. The boat will not always be sitting in one position during transportation so leaking is possible if you do not seal it before hand.

Cabin windows should be shut, latched and taped from the outside. Windshields or Plexiglas which will be over the flying bridge should always be removed, packed together using a cargo blanket and secured in below the boat.

Those were just some of the many things that you may have to do to prepare to transport boats upon purchase, selling, or moving. It is not hard to transport boats as long as you prepare the boat for the process.

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Boat Information

Boat Category*

Power

Sail

Hull Material*

Aluminum

Fiberglass / Composite

Ferro-Cement

Other

Steel

Wood

Make/Brand*

Model*

Year*

Overall Length*
ft

Beam*
ft

Overall Height*
ft

Weight*
lbs

Total Value*
\$ (USD)

Engine Type

Inboard

Outboard

Stern Drive

Jet

None

Other

Keel Type

Bulb

Centerboard

Daggerboard

Fin

Fin With Centerboard

Full

Low Aspect Ratio Fin

Shoal Draft

Wing

Draft

ft

Mast 1 Height

ft

Mast 2 Height

ft

Is there a towble trailer?*

Yes

No

Is a cradle required?*

Yes

No

Shipping Information

Ship From

City*

State

Alabama

Alaska

Arizona

Arkansas

California

Colorado

Connecticut

Delaware

Florida

Georgia

Hawaii

Idaho

Illinois

Indiana

Iowa

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana

Maine

Maryland

Massachusetts

Michigan

Minnesota

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Vermont

Virginia

Washington

West Virginia

Wisconsin

Wyoming

Alberta

British Columbia

Manitoba

New Brunswick

Newfoundland and Labrador

Nova Scotia

Ontario

Prince Edward Island

Quebec

Saskatchewan

Northwest Territories

Nunavut

Yukon

Country*

Zip/Postal Code

Shipping Date*

Ship To

City*

State

Alabama

Alaska

Arizona

Arkansas

California

Colorado

Connecticut

Delaware

Florida

Georgia

Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee

Texas

Utah

Vermont

Virginia

Washington

West Virginia

Wisconsin

Wyoming

Alberta

British Columbia

Manitoba

New Brunswick

Newfoundland and Labrador

Nova Scotia

Ontario

Prince Edward Island

Quebec

Saskatchewan

Northwest Territories

Nunavut

Yukon

Country*

Zip/Postal Code

Delivery Date*

Contact Information

First Name*

Middle Initial

Last Name*

Company

Day Phone*

Fax

Email Address*

Relationship to Vessel*
(Owner/Buyer/Sales Broker)

Contact Address

Address (1)*

Address (2)

City*

State

Alabama

Alaska

Arizona

Arkansas

California

Colorado

Connecticut

Delaware

Florida

Georgia

Hawaii

Idaho

Illinois

Indiana

Iowa

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana

Maine

Maryland

Massachusetts

Michigan

Minnesota

Mississippi

Missouri

Montana

Nebraska

Nevada

New Hampshire

New Jersey

New Mexico

New York

North Carolina

North Dakota

Ohio

Oklahoma

Oregon

Pennsylvania

Rhode Island

South Carolina

South Dakota

Tennessee

Texas

Utah

Vermont

Virginia

Washington

West Virginia

Wisconsin

Wyoming

Alberta

British Columbia

Manitoba

New Brunswick

Newfoundland and Labrador

Nova Scotia

Ontario

Prince Edward Island

Quebec

Saskatchewan

Northwest Territories

Nunavut

Yukon

Country*

Zip/Postal Code*

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