BOAT TORONTO

Boat Prep Checklist

Complete this checklist before your scheduled pickup or delivery. Proper preparation helps us transport your boat safely, avoid delays, and keep your quote accurate.

Important: If your boat is not ready when we arrive, additional preparation time, waiting time, or a return visit may result in extra charges.

1 Confirm Access Before We Arrive

Please make sure the pickup or drop-off location is accessible for boat transport equipment.

- [ ] Confirm the boat is accessible at the marina, yard, driveway, or storage location.
- [ ] Make sure there is enough straight clearance in front of the boat for loading.
- [ ] Remove vehicles, trailers, brush, bins, tools, or debris blocking access.
- [ ] Confirm the ground is solid, dry, and suitable for heavy equipment.
- [ ] If loading from a marina, confirm yard staff, travel lift, crane, or launch ramp access if required.
- [ ] If delivering to a residential property, confirm the driveway and turning area are suitable for a large truck and trailer.

2 Remove or Secure Loose Exterior Items

Anything loose on deck can shift, fly off, or be damaged during road transport. Please remove or securely stow:

- [ ] Ropes and dock lines
- [ ] Fenders
- [ ] Life rings
- [ ] Coolers
- [ ] Barbecues
- [ ] Loose cushions and sun pads
- [ ] Fishing rods and gear
- [ ] Carpets or cockpit mats

- [ ] Flags and flag poles
- [ ] Loose covers or equipment bags
- [ ] Personal belongings

3 Remove Canvas, Tarps, and Covers

Canvas and loose covers are not designed for highway-speed transport. Please remove and store inside the boat or separately:

- [ ] Bimini tops
- [ ] Camper canvas
- [ ] Cockpit covers
- [ ] Mooring covers
- [ ] Isinglass panels
- [ ] Loose tarps
- [ ] Winter tarps
- [ ] Do not leave standard tarps on the boat during transport.
- [ ] Shrink wrap should generally be removed unless specifically approved before transport.

4 Lower Overall Height and Width

Before pickup, remove or lower anything that increases the transport height or width of the boat.

- [ ] Radar
- [ ] Radar arch
- [ ] Antennas
- [ ] GPS antennas
- [ ] Anchor lights
- [ ] Outriggers
- [ ] Flag masts
- [ ] Windshields or plexiglass panels
- [ ] T-tops or hard tops, if removable
- [ ] Anything extending beyond the boat listed length, beam, or height.
- [ ] For larger boats, especially boats around 32 ft and up, upper structures may need to be removed or lowered before transport.

5 Secure the Interior

The boat may shift, vibrate, or sit at a different angle during transport than it does in the water.

- [ ] Box up all loose items inside the cabin.
- [ ] Secure cabinet doors.
- [ ] Secure salon doors.
- [ ] Secure drawers and compartments.
- [ ] Remove valuables and electronics where possible.
- [ ] Remove food, drinks, and perishables.
- [ ] Secure or remove anything fragile.

6 Secure Hatches, Doors, and Windows

Please make sure everything is closed and secured before we arrive.

- [ ] Secure all hatches.
- [ ] Secure all lids.
- [ ] Lock or latch cabin doors.
- [ ] Close and latch windows.
- [ ] Tape or tie down hatches from the outside if needed.
- [ ] Check for leaks if rain is expected.

7 Anchor, Drives, Props, and Mechanical Items

Please prepare the following where applicable:

- [ ] Secure the anchor with an extra safety strap.
- [ ] Remove or secure loose anchor chain.
- [ ] Raise and lock outdrives or outboards.
- [ ] Remove propellers if recommended for your boat or route.
- [ ] Confirm the steering and drive components are secure.
- [ ] Make sure the boat is structurally sound for overland transport.

8 Batteries, Fuel, and Water

Please complete these basic safety steps before transport:

- [ ] Turn battery switches to the OFF position or disconnect batteries.
- [ ] Secure battery cables so they cannot reconnect or short.
- [ ] Pump out the bilge as much as possible.
- [ ] Empty fresh water and waste tanks where possible.
- [ ] Keep fuel low unless otherwise instructed.
- [ ] Winterize water systems if the boat is being transported in freezing conditions.

9 Sailboat-Specific Prep

For sailboats, please confirm the following before pickup:

- [ ] Mast is unstepped if required.
- [ ] Rigging, wind indicators, lights, and antennas are removed or secured.
- [ ] Mast cables and wires are wrapped and secured.
- [ ] Lifelines, stanchions, pulpits, and other removable items are removed if needed for safe transport height.
- [ ] Cradle is structurally sound and ready if required.
- [ ] Yard staff or equipment is available if needed for loading.

10 Final Steps Before Pickup

Before Boat Toronto arrives:

- [ ] Take photos of your boat from all angles.
- [ ] Document any existing damage.
- [ ] Confirm pickup and drop-off addresses.
- [ ] Confirm contact person and phone number at both locations.
- [ ] Confirm marina, yard, or gate access.
- [ ] Make sure keys, paperwork, or required instructions are available.
- [ ] Let us know if the boat is not fully prepared.

Need help?

If you are unsure whether something needs to be removed, lowered, or secured, contact Boat Toronto before your scheduled pickup.

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