

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR BOAT FOR TRANSPORT

Using a yacht carrier to transport your vessel to your next vacation destination is a great way to save it from wear and tear and give your crew a vacation of their own. Port to Port Yacht Transport is simple, effective, and stress-free way to get your vessel from one location to another. We're committed to offering each customer reliable and hassle-free yacht transportation. If you've never utilized this service before, there are a few things you need to know to properly prepare your boat for transport. These are recommendations and may or not be a complete list of items you need to do. Contact your mechanic and or your boat dealership for a more complete list specific to your vessel.

Important Tips when Preparing Your Boat for Transport

- *Tip #1: When preparing your boat for transport, it's important to secure everything. No matter how far your boat is travelling, you should secure it as if it were crossing an ocean. Secure anything that extends beyond the hull and anything loose that could cause damage during the voyage. Secure hatches with tape to avoid leaks and possible water damage and latch all cabin windows. Also remember to tape interior cabinet doors shut, securely close the cabin doors, and lock all exterior doors.*
- *Tip #2: Make sure the boat transportation company is insured adequately protect your vessel if anything should go wrong. Port to Port Yacht Transport offers 1,000,000.00 of insurance to our clients.*
- *Tip #3: Inform the Port-to-Port yacht transport of your vessel's specs in advance. Make sure your measurements are accurate, because they are allocating space for your boat according to the information you give them. Keep in mind, they want to know your boat's actual weight – not its Tonnage. If you're not sure where to find this information, look in your boat's stability book for Displacement.*
- *Tip #4: Inspect your boat for damages and take pictures to document any that already exist. Also, if you dismantle any parts to fit size requirements or prevent them from getting damaged, be sure to take pictures of their location and set-up.*
- *Tip #5: Remove all personal items from the cabin and store any breakables in a safe place. Your boat may be traveling, and with the force of the weather, wind from the travel is going to appear to be going through a hurricane. Place all items in a secure location or remove from the boat or yacht. Don't forget to remove any prohibited items from your vessel's lockers- anything flammable must be removed from your boat or yacht.*
- *Tip #6: Protect the outside of your yacht form soot, salt, etc. with shrink wrap.(not necessary but is extra protection) If your vessel is too large to cover completely, just stick to the most vulnerable areas such as teak and non-skid surfaces. Also cover all stainless steel and chrome fittings or apply an insulator wax to this exposed metal. If possible, remove and store the windshields.*
- *Tip #7: Empty all fuel and water tanks as much as possible, however, keep enough on board to get to and from the transport ship. Remove anchors from the deck, remove drain plugs from the hull and make sure there is no water in the bilge. You may also want to flush and sanitize your tanks with a chlorine bleach solution.*
- *Tip #8: Power down everything, unplug your batteries and store your cables to prevent any contact. You don't want dead batteries when your vessel is offloaded at your destination.*

- *Tip #9: Bring your original registry and boat keys on the date of your trip.*
- *Tip#10: Remove the plug of your boat and put it where your transporter knows where it is, especially if the receiving marina is putting it in the water/ slip for you at the time of delivery.*
- *If you're transporting a sailing yacht: Remove sails or protect them with covers. All boats need to fit height requirements.*

If your voyage is during winter months: Weatherize the engine and drain air conditioning unit.

If you're preparing a wooden boat for transport: Use linseed oil to help prevent the wood from drying out.

There are several important steps you need to take to ensure smooth sailing for your vessel. However, once you do the preliminary work you are free to sit back, relax and rest assured knowing that your yacht is in good hands.