

# Pre-Survey Inspection Checklist

Walk the boat like a surveyor — before you buy, before survey day, any time a vessel changes hands.

*Use one checklist per inspection. Photograph anything you tick 'attention' against — a photo with a date is evidence a memory never is.*

## Hull & Topsides

- ☐ Gelcoat cracks or blisters, especially around the waterline
- ☐ Stress cracks near the transom, chainplates and hard points
- ☐ Previous repairs documented and explained
- ☐ Through-hulls and seacocks operate freely and are doubled-clipped where required
- ☐ Anodes photographed at their current state of wastage
- ☐ Moisture reading taken (if meter available) and recorded

## Deck & Hardware

- ☐ Deck flex or delamination checked underfoot and with a tap
- ☐ Winches turn smoothly; service history known
- ☐ Anchor windlass operates; chain and anchor condition noted
- ☐ Hatches and portlights seal; no staining below
- ☐ Stanchions, pulpit and pushpit tight with sound backing

## Rig & Sails (sailing vessels)

- ☐ Standing rigging wear checked at terminals and swages
- ☐ Mast step and partners dry and uncracked
- ☐ Furler operates smoothly under load
- ☐ Sail condition noted at chafe points and batten pockets

## Engine & Systems

- ☐ Oil and coolant condition checked; no mayonnaise under the cap
- ☐ Impeller service history known or assumed overdue
- ☐ Fuel filters dated; tank condition and vent operation noted
- ☐ Exhaust examined for salt or soot traces
- ☐ Bilge pump and float switch operate
- ☐ Engine mounts and alignment inspected

## Pre-Survey Inspection Checklist (continued)

### Electrics

- ☐ Battery age recorded; load test performed
- ☐ Wiring tidy — no tape-splices or unterminated conductors
- ☐ Shore power and RCD tested
- ☐ Navigation and anchor lights all operate

### Safety Gear

- ☐ Flares in date; lifejackets serviced and sized to crew
- ☐ Fire extinguishers in gauge and mount
- ☐ EPIRB registered, battery in date
- ☐ Bilge and gas alarms tested

### Paperwork & History

- ☐ Registration and HIN match the hull
- ☐ Service receipts and logbook sighted
- ☐ Survey and antifoul history recorded
- ☐ Trailer registration and bearing condition (if applicable)

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*File this with the vessel's records — every tick is worth more with a photo and a date.*