

## Boat Preparation Guide

Customers are responsible for preparing their boat for transport.  
Please follow these guidelines prior to any loading or transport of your boat.

### All Boats

- Stow and secure all loose items on deck and below, including cushions.
- Remove and stow all removable items on deck, especially if they reduce the overall height of the boat.
- Close and latch all hatches, deckboxes, windows, and portholes. Tie and/or tape hatches from the outside.
- Remove all covers such as winch, hatch, wheel, binnacle, fly bridge, soft-top, and canvas.
- Boats should not be shrink-wrapped.
- Stow external outboard motors below or in the cockpit and secure.
- Switch batteries to "off" position.
- Lock the boat.

### Specifically Power

- Remove fly bridge windscreens and lay down masts and antennas.
- Remove all windshields and/or Plexiglas that protrudes over the flying bridge. These break in transit.

### Specifically Sail

- Remove your windex, antenna, and any other breakable items from the mast and stow them safely below.
- If the mast is being transported on deck, lash the spreaders down horizontally and lash the rigging alongside with padding to prevent chafing.
- If the mast is being transported alongside on the mast carrier, remove the spreaders and radar and lash all rigging tight to the mast. Please be sure nothing is hanging or dangling.
- Support the roller furler if it extends beyond the end of the mast so it won't dangle. Secure and pad everything.
- Place the boom on the cabin sole. Secure it and pad it well.
- On centerboard sailboats, make sure the board is secured and will stay up in transit.

- To be sure that the loading and unloading of your boat will happen safely and efficiently, please observe the following:**

If we are loading your boat directly from boat stands and blocking, make sure that the boat is placed bow out so that a tractor/trailer truck can back under from the bow to the stern. Blocking piles under the keel should be no lower than a minimum height of 16" (also, for powerboats, must allow for tire clearance to hull

for powerboats at a minimum of 34"). The blocking piles should be no wider than 24" wide so the tires can roll past around them and the trailer can get under the boat. Our trailers can unload onto proper boat stands and blocking. We will not unload a boat onto any equipment that we deem unsafe, including cement blocks, wooden supports, or oil drums.