

Preparing for your relocation things you need to know

Boat Hauling

Please follow these guidelines in preparing your boat for overland transportation. We recommend you either complete this work yourself or hire a qualified boatyard. We cannot be held liable for any damage to cargo or equipment that occurs due to improper preparation or loading by the shipper or for faulty or defective cradles, trailers, chains, binders or other equipment used by the shipper to secure the cargo.

Please note: if the boat is not properly prepared for shipment, the boat will be shipped “as is” and we will not accept responsibility for any resulting damage

General information:

Legal limits

- ◆ The legal height for transporting over the road is 13' 6". Please choose a marina or boatyard with at least 14' overhead clearance and no low tree branches or wires on its approach. If you choose a marina or boatyard to which there is no clear access, we cannot accept responsibility for damage caused by branches or wires. The larger the boat, the higher the load, the more clearance required. Unless previously discussed, the estimate you received to transport your boat is for the legal height of 13'6" including the trailer. If your boat and the trailer reach a height of greater than the limit, you will be charged a height surcharge.

Paperwork

- ◆ The driver will perform a survey only of the exterior of the boat before loading. The condition of the boat will be noted on a condition report. You will be asked to sign this report at point of pickup; a copy of this report will be given to you at that time. At delivery, the boat will again be inspected; the condition report again signed and another copy will be given to you or your agent.

Preparing the boat

- ◆ Stow all loose gear and secure. All gear stored below must be well secured. We will not accept responsibility for damage caused by loose gear. Lock the cabin. You keep the key, do not give it to the driver. Do not pack anything in the boat that is not securely stowed nor original equipment. It is very important that you do not pack household goods in your boat.
- ◆ Boats cannot be shipped with fuel or water in the tanks. Drain fuel and water tanks and remove any drain plugs from the hull. There should not be any water in the bilge while it is being transported. During winter months, water should be drained from water systems, pumps, air conditioners, etc.

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- ◆ Disconnect the batteries and secure. Remove anchors from the deck.
- ◆ Wooden boats can be expected to dry out. A coat of linseed oil will help. Please expect normal road dirt on the boat.
- ◆ All canvas covers must be removed as they will tear off or fly away in transit. If they are not removed, we cannot be responsible for damages. We will ship a shrink-wrapped boat, however, the shrink wrap may tear or fly off in transit; and we cannot accept responsibility for any resulting dirt or damage. When hauling over land, the boat will get dirty.
- ◆ If your boat has its own cradle, please inspect it carefully for loose bolts or weakness of any kind. We cannot accept responsibility if your cradle breaks in transit and causes damage to your boat. If you are shipping your boat on its own trailer, we cannot accept responsibility should the rollers or frame cause damage or if the trailer breaks apart and causes damage.
- ◆ If you are shipping dinghy on boat or if you have had to remove any pieces of the superstructure, make sure these well padded. Do not leave the dinghy on davits.
- ◆ All electronics, radar, hailers, horns, antennas, propellers, flag masts, lights, anchor lights, windshields, etc. must be removed, packed securely and safely stored below. We will not be responsible if they are damaged or vibrate off during transit.
- ◆ Tie and/or tape hatches from the outside. We cannot be responsible for them or for damage they may cause if they blow off in transit or for damage to the boat caused by rainwater if a hatch blows off.
- ◆ If the hatches leak, please seal them. A boat will not sit in the same position on our trailer as it does in the water and we cannot be responsible for rainwater entering through a leaky hatch or deck.
- ◆ Cabin windows should be latched and taped from the outside.
- ◆ All windshields and/or plexiglass that protrude over the flying bridge should be removed, packed with a cargo blanket and secured below deck. We will not be responsible for any damage that occurs if they are not removed and properly packed and secured.

Special instructions for sailboats

- ◆ All rigging, winches, wind indicators and lights must be removed from the mast. Carpet should be provided for the mast at the points of tie down. Expect some chafing at these points. If the mast is painted, it is almost impossible to keep the paint from chafing. We will not pay to repaint masts if chafing occurs. Do not secure the mast to the boat, as there is a space on our trailer for the mast. Should the mast be secured to the boat, we will not be responsible for any resulting damage to the mast or the boat.

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- ◆ Life lines, stanchions, bow and stern pulpits should be removed if they make the boat higher than 11' or longer than 30'.
- ◆ On center board sailboats, make sure the board is secured and will stay up in transit. Keel sailboats may expect some separation where the keel joins the hull. This is not structural damage, but rather is the paint or filler cracking at the joint.
- ◆ Light built or racing sailboats can expect some hull indentations from the support pads. These generally disappear when the boat is returned to the water.

Special instructions for powerboats

- ◆ Remove all propellers, flag masts, lights, outriggers, antennae, windshields, etc.
- ◆ If your powerboat is low enough to ship with the flying bridge on, remove all lights, wheels, masts and windshields that protrude over the bridge. All plexiglass should be removed and packed below with a cargo blanket. If your powerboat is not low enough to ship with the flying bridge on, you will have to have a cradle built for the bridge. The bridge and cradle should then be securely stored on the forward deck or cockpit. Every point touching the deck or rails must be sufficiently padded. Remove all electronics and valuable item from the bridge, pack securely and store below.

Valuation/Insurance:

The boat hauler that Alexander's has chosen is a fully licensed and insured carrier. They are experienced, dependable boat transporters who will take utmost care to haul and deliver your boat in the best condition. However, please keep the following in mind:

Your boat must be strong enough to withstand overland transportation. We cannot be held liable for dryrot or weaknesses.

We cannot be responsible for normal road dirt and grime due to the boat's exposure to weather while traveling over land.

We cannot be responsible for items left in the boat or removed from the boat if not properly locked and stored.