

Used Boat Inspection Checklist Form

Coastal Used Boat Guide

Print and bring to the showing / sea trial

Boat, Seller, and Listing Details

Asking price _____	Location _____	Seller type _____
Make / model _____	Year _____	Length _____
Engine make / HP _____	Engine hours _____	Trailer included _____
Seller name _____	Phone / email _____	HIN _____

Quick Inspection Checklist

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| ☐ Title / registration reviewed and seller name matches paperwork | ☐ HIN on boat matches title / registration documents |
| ☐ No known lien, or payoff process is clear | ☐ Service records available or photographed |
| ☐ Engine cold-start observed | ☐ No warning lights, alarms, overheating, or rough running |
| ☐ No strong fuel smell around bilge, console, or tank area | ☐ Bilge is reasonably clean and dry |
| ☐ Hull checked for cracks, gouges, blisters, or major repairs | ☐ Transom checked; no flex or major cracks near engine bolts |
| ☐ Deck walked slowly; no soft spots found | ☐ Prop, skeg, and lower unit inspected for damage or leaks |
| ☐ Steering and shifter move smoothly | ☐ Batteries, switches, lights, horn, and pumps tested |
| ☐ Trailer frame, tires, lights, bunks, and coupler checked if included | ☐ Safety gear reviewed: PFDs, throwable, fire extinguisher, signals |
| ☐ Sea trial completed or scheduled before final payment | ☐ Mechanic inspection or survey considered before purchase |

Potential Deal Breakers — Check Any That Apply

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| ☐ Title problem, missing paperwork, or mismatched documents | ☐ Seller refuses inspection or sea trial |
| ☐ Soft transom, soft deck, or structural concern | ☐ Engine overheats, alarms, or runs poorly |
| ☐ Strong fuel smell or suspected fuel leak | ☐ Major corrosion, unsafe wiring, or serious trailer issue |

Final Decision and Notes

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| ☐ Proceed with offer | ☐ Proceed only after mechanic inspection |
| ☐ Proceed only after marine survey | ☐ Renegotiate price based on findings |
| ☐ Pause and research more | ☐ Walk away |

Initial asking price _____	Proposed offer _____	Estimated repairs _____
Surveyor / mechanic _____	Shop / marina _____	Insurance quote _____

Notes

Buyer signature _____	Seller / witness _____
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