

ATLANTIC BOAT TRANSPORTATION, INC.

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BOAT PREPARATION

THE STANDARD APPROACH TO BOAT TRANSPORTATION SAYS THAT A HAULER'S RESPONSIBILITY BEGINS WHEN A BOAT IS LOWERED ONTO THE TRAILER AND ENDS WHEN IT IS LIFTED OFF OF THE TRAILER AND SIGNED FOR, HOWEVER, THIS APPROACH CAN LEAD TO MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

ATLANTIC BOAT TRANSPORTATION BELIEVES IT IS OUR JOB TO INFORM YOU OF WHAT IS INVOLVED IN GETTING YOUR BOAT READY FOR OVERLAND TRANSPORT. WE HAVE PREPARED THIS LIST TO HELP GUIDE YOU. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS INFORMATION. AFTERWARDS, PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THE NEXT PAGE AND FAX IT BACK TO US WITH THE REST OF THE CONTRACT.

1. ALL ITEMS INSIDE YOUR BOAT SHOULD BE STOWED AND PROPERLY SECURED. DRAWERS AND CUPBOARDS SHOULD BE TAPED SHUT. WE DO NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGES THAT OCCUR DUE TO ITEMS SHIFTING INSIDE THE CABIN.
2. EQUIPMENT SUCH AS RADIOS, DEPTH SOUNDERS, KNOT METERS AND SUCH SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THEIR BRACKETS ON DECK AND STOWED INSIDE THE CABIN.
3. ALL CLOTH AND CANVAS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SIDE CURTAINS, BIMINIS, COMPASS COVERS, BOAT COVERS, ECT. SHOULD BE REMOVED IN ORDER TO PREVENT WIND DAMAGE. WE DO NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY CANVAS LEFT ON THE TOPSIDE OF BOAT DURING SHIPMENT.
4. ALL PORTS, HATCHES, WINDOWS, ECT. SHOULD BE LOCKED TIGHTLY SHUT. CHECK ALL FITTINGS FOR WEAKNESS OR ROTTING. TAPE OVER HATCHES AND LOCKS. WE DO NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HATCHES THAT BLOW OPEN OR WINDOWS THAT BREAK DUE TO WIND DAMAGE.
5. FOR SAFETY AND WEIGHT CONCERNS, REMOVE ALL WATER AND FUEL FROM TANKS, HOLDING TANKS SHOULD ALSO BE EMPTY TO PREVENT ANY SPILLAGE DURING TRANSPORT.
6. PLASTIC OR PLEXIGLAS WINDSHIELDS OR WINDSCREENS SHOULD BE REMOVED AND STORED INSIDE THE CABIN. PLASTIC CAN NOT WITHSTAND THE WIND PRESSURE. ATLANTIC BOAT TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY WINDSHIELDS OR SCREENS THAT ARE DAMAGED DURING TRANSPORT DUE TO WIND DAMAGE
7. WE DO NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY HOUSEHOLD ITEMS LEFT INSIDE THE BOAT. STEREOS, TELEVISIONS, VCR'S AND SUCH SHOULD BE SECURED. THE CABIN SHOULD BE LOCKED AND THE KEY TAKEN WITH YOU. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THE KEY TO THE DRIVER --- THEY WILL FORGET TO LEAVE IT WITH THE BOAT.
8. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND SHRINK-WRAPPING YOUR BOAT. SHRINK-WRAP WILL NOT STAND UP TO HIGHWAY SPEEDS OR HIGH WINDS. IF YOU DO HAVE YOUR BOAT SHRINK-WRAPPED AND IT STARTS TO RIP AND COME OFF, THE DRIVER MAY AT HIS/HER DISCRETION, REMOVE THE WRAPPING. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE THAT OCCURS DUE TO SHRINK-WRAP.

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9. REMOVE ANCHORS, SPINNAKER POLES AND ANY LOOSE ITEMS FROM THE DECK AND SECURE PROPERLY.

10. IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO SHIP YOUR BOAT ON A CRADLE OR A TRAILER SOME EXTRA PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN. A CRADLE SHOULD FIT THE HULL OF YOUR BOAT SECURELY AND ALSO BE IN GOOD REPAIR. YOUR BOAT NEEDS TO BE WELL SECURED TO THE CRADLE OR TRAILER. WE DO NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE ATTRIBUTED TO THESE DEVICES. OUR DRIVER AT HIS/HER DISCRETION MAY DECIDE TO LOAD YOUR BOAT SEPARATELY FROM THE CRADLE OR TRAILER IF HE/SHE FEELS THEY WILL NOT STAND UP TO THE OVERLAND TRANSPORTATION.

11. SAILBOATS ALSO REQUIRE A LITTLE MORE PREPARATION, STANDING RIGGING, TURNBUCKLES, MASTHEAD LIGHTS, ANTENNAS, WIND INDICATORS, MAST WINCHES, SPREADERS, AND ECT. SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE MAST. WE DO NOT ASSUME LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO RUBBING AND/OR CHAFFING BY EQUIPMENT LEFT ON THE MAST. MAST SHOULD BE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC FILM SINCE IT WILL BE SECURED ON THE TRAILER BESIDE TO BOAT, IT MAY GET ROAD GRIME ON IT. CARPET SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THE MAST AT THE TIE DOWN POINTS. MAST SHOULD NOT BE PAINTED PRIOR TO SHIPMENT BECAUSE OF CHAFFING.

12. LIFELINES, STANCHIONS, AND BOW/STERN PULPITS SHOULD BE REMOVED IF THEY CAUSE THE BOAT TO BE OVER HEIGHT. THE LEGAL HEIGHT LIMIT IS 13'6" IN MOST STATES. THIS MEANS THAT THE TOTAL HEIGHT OF YOU BOAT SHOULD BE NO TALLER THAN 12'. IF YOU BOAT IS TALLER THAN 12', YOU WILL NEED TO NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY.

13. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS POWER TO THE BATTERY IN ORDER TO RAISE OR LOWER YOUR ENGINE (S) IF NEEDED. IF YOU HAVE A SMALL OUTBOARD ENGINE, PLEASE REMOVE IT FROM THE STERN OF THE BOAT AND STOW IT IN THE CABIN TO PREVENT THEFT.

14. SOME SAILBOATS MAY DEVELOP SOME SEPARATION BETWEEN THE KEEL AND THE HULL. THIS IS NOT STRUCTURAL DAMAGE BUT SEPARATION OF THE MOUNTING BOLTS OR DRYING OUT OF THE PAINT OR FILLER.

15. WE CAN NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE DUE TO LOW HANGING TREE LIMBS OR BRANCHES. MANY MARINAS HAVE THIS PICTURESQUE DRIVEWAY THAT CAN CAUSE MAJOR DAMAGE TO BOATS. PLEASE LET US KNOW IN ADVANCE IF YOUR MARINA HAS LOW TREE BRANCHES. ALSO, DON'T HESITATE TO ASK YOUR MARINA TO CUT THESE BRANCHES BACK.

IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF YOUR BOAT, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL US. PLEASE SIGN AND FAX THIS PAGE WITH THE CONTRACT BACK TO (252) 974-2448.

I HAVE READ BOTH PAGES OF THIS BOAT PREPARATION SHEET AND I DO AGREE TO AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE ABOVE.

BY: _____

DATE: _____