

## **PREPARING YOUR POWERBOAT FOR SHIPPING**

The following information is presented so that you may have a better understanding of what is involved when packing and shipping a powerboat.

It is important to understand that once loaded on the truck the boat will be moving at highway speeds of 55 mph or more, and that the truck may well encounter head or cross winds in excess of 50 mph. Resulting winds over the deck can exceed 100 mph. Rain, snow, hail, and like are common occurrences. The boat itself is ok for such conditions but accessories, ie. canvas, rigging, flying-bridge windshields, electronics and the like are not able to withstand the effects of these elements.

With the forgoing in mind, we recommend the following steps be taken when packing the boat.

### INTERIOR

1. Put everything away as if you were going to be in a storm. Modern air-ride trailers give the boat a much better ride than when you are in a storm, but this is a good way to pack the boat. Doors, drawers, windows, portholes, hatches and the like should be taped shut. Secure and lock same.
2. Disconnect the batteries
3. If there is a possibility of encountering freezing temperatures (remember the mountains), drain the all fresh water systems and add antifreeze to the engine cooling system.

### EXTERIOR

1. Any canvas covers, or other exterior canvas must be removed and stored inside.
2. Make sure all accessory items like horns, speakers, spotlights, etc. are well secured. If removed cover the screw holes with tape.
3. Remove all items required by the carrier.

### OUTBOARD MOTORS, DINGHYS

1. Remove the outboard motor and store inside
2. Dinghys will be removed from the cabin top, davits, or transom-step mounts and carried on the trailers poop deck.

### PERSONAL EFFECTS

1. You are shipping a boat, it's contents ride along as extra baggage. Anything inside such as personal effects, electronics, fishing gear etc. is ok. Just be aware the carrier is not insuring any interior items.

### TRAILERS AND CRADLES

1. If the boat is on a trailer it must fit well and be tied to the trailer.
2. Cradles must fit the exact contour of the hull.
3. All attaching devices (winches, ropes, wire, etc.) must be in good condition and able to secure the boat. Their failure will likely cause damage which is not the carriers liability.
4. Damage caused by cradles, trailers, or attaching devices supplied by the shipper are not the responsibility of the carrier. We will however, do all we can to avoid or prevent damage caused by these items.

### FLYING BRIDGES

1. Flying bridges which are removed can be placed anywhere they fit well on the boat or on the poop deck of the trailer. If on the boat, pad the bottom of the bridge well with carpet then tie securely to the boat. If on the poop deck of the trailer a wood frame under the edges of the bridge are necessary to protect these edges.
2. Remove the venturi windshield
3. Tape over any screw holes.

### SHRINKWRAP

This is a tough one. As a general rule we do not advise the use of shrinkwrap. If not properly wrapped with heavy mil material, well padded in sharp areas, it will probably rip in transit. If we cannot repair the rip (we carry shrinkwrap tape), we must remove it and throw it away. It will cause severe damage anywhere it is flapping in a very short period of time.

***If you have any other questions, we will be happy to try and answer them. Please call toll free 800-247-1198***