

TOP TIPS

WHEN BUYING KEELBOAT



IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER:

When purchasing a second hand boat there will always be teething problems. Remember, you get what you pay for. The bigger the boat the more costly.

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Find a reliable broker

- Brokers have the knowledge and expertise to help buyers find the perfect boat that meets their needs and budget, as well as helping sellers get the best possible price for their boat. Brokers will guide the new boat owner through the process of selecting an appropriate yacht and help them avoid the many pitfalls.



Choose your weapon of choice

There are a variety of sailing boats and it is important from the get go to know what you are looking for. For example: A L34 is a all-rounder while a L36 for is perfect for cruising.

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Get a skipper's ticket through an approved sailing school

A skippers ticket is essential for anyone who wants to operate a boat 9 meters or longer, or with an engine greater than 15 horsepower safely and legally. It ensures that the boat operator has the proper training and knowledge to operate the boat. It also serves as proof of a boater's competency, and may be required by boat insurers or marinas.



Find out the history of the boat

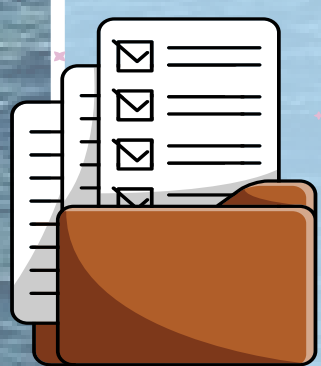
It is important to find out the history of a boat before purchasing because it can provide valuable information about the boat's condition, maintenance, and safety. Knowing the boat's history can help you make a better informed decision.

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Ask how the boat has been looked after

Proper maintenance will extend the lifespan of the boat, as well as save you money in the long run. Additionally, a well-maintained boat will perform better and be more enjoyable to use. It is a legal requirement for the previous owner to disclose all the faults on the vessel to the potential buyer.



Hire a Conditions Surveyor

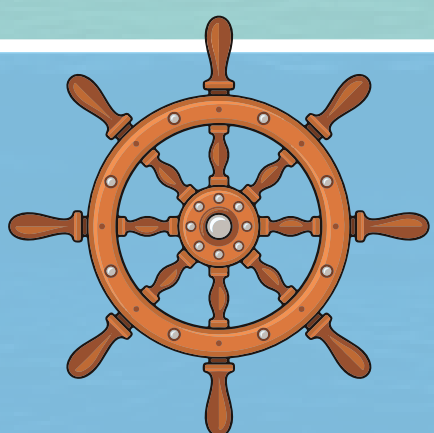
Condition Surveyors inspect the boat from bow to stern, and assess the condition of all the components, including the hull, sails, rigging, electrical and mechanical systems. They review the maintenance records to make sure everything is up to date. This is an essential step before sumbiting your initial offer as the report received could highlight repairs needed which could intern give you leverage when negotiating, and in the long run will save you money!

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Hire a mast company to do a rigging survey

A Rigging Survey provides an in-depth look at the condition of the boat's rigging, which can help you determine the boat's overall condition, as well as any potential safety concerns. It can also provide information about the boat's age and past maintenance, which can help you make a more informed decision.



Go for a test sail

Testing a sailing boat before making an offer is important for plenty reasons. For example, it allows you to get a feel for how the boat sails, its responsiveness, and its performance in different weather conditions.

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