



Yacht Insurance Coverage Checklist

The list below includes the **important coverage features** you should look for when buying insurance. Generally, policies lacking the features listed should be viewed as providing inferior coverage.

This checklist isn't a substitute for reading the exclusions, which describe what the policy does NOT cover. A policy can contain these coverage items but still be very poor if the exclusions are too restrictive. Read the exclusions while thinking about what might happen while you're underway, in rough weather, or while away from your boat. Also make sure the navigation limits are right for where your boat will be used; you will have no insurance at all while operating outside those limits!

HULL & MACHINERY

- **Agreed Value** - In the event of total loss, the amount of insurance on hull and equipment is the amount you will receive, without depreciation
- **Replacement Cost** - Repair or replacement of damaged property with like kind and quality **for partial loss**, without deduction for depreciation
- **Actual Cash Value** - equals Replacement Cost minus Depreciation - **applicable only to specified items** such as canvas, inflatables; policy should not contain a depreciation schedule
- **Consequential Damage** - Amends certain exclusions to provide coverage for fire, explosion, collision, sinking or stranding, even if the cause of loss is otherwise excluded
- **Automatic Tender coverage** - Size and HP may be limited, see policy
- **Minimal Deductibles** on specified property including marine electronics, dinghies and personal effects
- **Hurricane Escape Reimbursement** - At least 50% up to \$1000; limits vary
- **Emergency Towing** - At least \$2500
- **Exclusions** - Avoid policies with lengthy, complicated exclusion list.

LIABILITY (Protection & Indemnity)

- **Limits of Liability** - Be sure to buy enough limit to satisfy the underlying insurance requirement of your Umbrella policy.
- **Uninsured Boater** - Limit equal to the P&I limit
- **Pollution/Fuel Spill** - Statutory limit of \$939,800
- **Removal of Wreck** - Policy should include this coverage specifically under Liability. The cost of removing and disposing of wreck as required by law is payable in addition to your Agreed Amount hull & machinery limit.
- **Liability Assumed under Dockage Agreement or Hold Harmless**- included in Geico policy