



Used boat checklist:

What to look for:	Comments:
Damage to the hull (Look for scratches, stress or dents and a chalk-like appearance to gel coating)	
Find out when the boat was last anti-fouled.	
Check the deck for rot, cracks, or holes.	
Test run the engine by running at full throttle for 10 seconds. Listen out for a rough noise. Look at the engine to see if it looks loose begins to smoke.	
Check under the engine cover for corrosion, frayed wires, and cracks. Also, check belts and hoses for any damage.	
Find out when the engine was last serviced and had an oil change. Sample engine oil between fingers and look for a gritty texture, metal dust or moisture.	



Look at the battery and check for corrosion, leaks, or cracks to the casing and make sure it is secure in its tray. Find out how old the battery is (It shouldn't be older than 5 years)	
Check the starter motor for corrosion and listen out for clanging, grinding or a loud spinning/whizzing noise.	
Test the electrical components such as radio, GPS, radar, lights, electronic shifter, and throttle. Inspect any wires for damage, melted insulation or corroded wiring.	
Assess bellows for damage, rust, or loose clamps.	
Make sure interior, upholstery is free of mould and mildew. Check furniture is secure, and hatches, windows and canopies are free of any breaches.	
Find out when the anodes were last replaced and inspect them (they shouldn't be more than 1/3 decayed).	
Check propeller blades for damage or pink-ish discolouration.	



Examine the keel and rudder for damage.	
Check for play in the steering. Look at the rudder bearings, linkages and wires for wear and slack.	
Check the bilge for and leaks.	
If the boat comes with a trailer. Check the trailer frame for rust, rot or other damage. Also, check the suspension, braking system, tires, and electrical components. Check under wheel bearing grease caps for silver or white-milky grease.	
Reach out to an independent marine surveyor to asses the boat.	



Other important questions:

- **Has the boat been used on fresh or salt water?**
- **When was the last time the boat was lifted and what were the state of the stern drives and hull at that time?**
- **Where has the boat been stored?**
- **Why have the sellers decided to put the boat on the market?**
- **Have there been any major issues with the boat in recent years?**
- **How often has the boat been serviced?**
- **How many hours are on the engine?**
- **Do you have the service history and relevant paperwork? Such as:**
 - **Boat title documents (Bills of sale and transfer of legal title.)**
 - **Boat registration certificates.**
 - **Original VAT invoice.**
 - **Builders certificate (Will include Hull ID number and the year the boat was built.)**