



## **Transporting Your Boat: Important Tips**

There are several critical items to consider prior to shipping your watercraft. Please review the following information carefully to ensure that your shipment is prepared correctly and all details are completed. Damage to your boat or any cargo due to improper preparation will not be covered by insurance.

### ***Coordinator Communication***

- ✓ Please provide your ReloTrans coordinator with an active contact number for both pickup and delivery.

### ***Boat and Trailer Preparation***

- ✓ Please drain fuel and water tanks and remove any drain plugs.
- ✓ If you are transporting your boat during a winter months please note that the boat must be completely winterized (including engines, toilets and water systems) prior to shipment.
- ✓ Please remove anchors from the deck and disconnect and secure batteries.
- ✓ Please stow and secure all loose boat gear. Please note that no additional items should be transported in the boat as they will not be covered by insurance.
- ✓ Equipment such as radios, antennas, depth finders, compasses and other electric gear, if mounted in any way that exposes them to damage or theft, must be removed.
- ✓ For sailboats, standing rigging, turnbuckles, mastheads, and bow lights, antennas, spreaders, wind indicators, wires and mast winches should all be removed from the mast (after it is un-stepped and prior to transport). Neither ReloTrans nor our transporter is liable for damage attributable to rubbing or chafing by equipment left on the mast during transport.
- ✓ Windows should be locked and taped from the outside. Plastic and Plexiglas flying bridge windshields and windscreens should be removed and secured inside the craft.
- ✓ The cabin should be locked and you should keep the key on your person. Please do not give the key to the driver.
- ✓ Prior to loading, your boat must be properly secured to its own trailer to prevent damage. The trailer will then be placed on the transport truck. The trailer will not be used to transport the boat.



### ***Canvas Covers/Shrink Wrap***

- ✓ All tarps or canvas covers must be removed as they may tear or fly off in transit. Also, they can become hazardous to other motorists. We are not responsible for canvas covers or tops, which remain topside during shipment.
- ✓ If a shipper insists a boat cover remain on during transit, a "release of liability" must be signed by the shipper releasing ReloTrans® and the transporter from responsibility for any damage caused by any boat cover. This document must be signed and received by your ReloTrans coordinator prior to pick-up.
- ✓ Shrink-wrap may keep the boat protected from the elements, but it also prevents a proper inspection. Shrink-wrap may tear while transporting the boat. If this occurs in transit, the torn material may cause beating and chafing damage to the boat. Neither ReloTrans nor our carrier is responsible for any damage and/or shortages under the shrink-wrap.

### ***Pick-up and Delivery***

- ✓ At the time of pick up, the driver will complete an inspection of the exterior documenting the condition of the boat. Once the boat reaches the destination, another inspection will be completed and compared to the origin condition report.
- ✓ Neither ReloTrans nor the transporter is responsible for damage due to inherent dry rot or weakness. Please keep in mind, wooden boats can be expected to dry out (linseed oil will help).

**Please notify your ReloTrans coordinator (866.360.3022) with any questions or concerns regarding the shipment of your boat.**