

# Boat purchase

## Ensuring the deal sails through

Buying a boat should be plain sailing, but that's not always the case. Here are a few thoughts to help you steer the right course...



# Points to consider

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## **Instruct a surveyor**

If you're buying a used boat the sale should be subject to contract and a sea trial. Invest in a qualified, reputable marine surveyor to protect you.

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## **Take your time**

If this is your first purchase take time to understand what you are buying, especially if it's a new boat (it may not be built yet). You'll need the terms governing the sale checked over carefully before committing.

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## **Know your seller**

Are you buying from a boat builder or dealer? The party you have the contract with will be responsible for any warranty claims. Beware if it's a private seller – you won't have the same legal protection, unless you've made special arrangements.

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## **Think about storage**

Consider where you'll keep your boat or berth her before the purchase. Can you afford the fees? Is your boat close to your seller in case repairs under warranty are needed?

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## **Use the internet**

Check out the website [www.stolenboats.org.uk](http://www.stolenboats.org.uk) if you're buying a used boat. And search for top sellers, builders and brokers.

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