



Other considerations when using a Delivery Skipper

Pre-departure inspection

The delivery skipper will carry out a pre-departure inspection of the vessel (this is not a marine survey). After finishing, they:

- Will notify the owner of any items they discover that that could have a materially negative impact the safety of boat or its crew while on the delivery passage
- May offer suggestions for improved systems management which the owner may want to consider at some future time

Crew

In addition to the delivery skipper, there needs to be a second crew member capable of handling the boat when the delivery skipper is resting. All crew need to wear life jackets as required by the skipper and remain sober.

Daily inspections

We keep an eye on the systems aboard the yacht and perform necessary checks. This usually include operating the bilge pump, topping off lubricants, inspecting engine belts, and checking sea water strainers.

Underway updates

We send you regular information on the whereabouts of your vessel, its predicted course, and its condition.

Insurance

The vessel should be insured for the intended delivery. The delivery skipper should be added on the policy under “the insured” so that the boat, the owner, and the skipper are all covered. This should just take a phone call and not incur any extra cost. Many insurers require a minimum of two competent crew for overnight passages.

In the event of an incident, the owner has final responsibility if they are on board. That way the insurer is not tempted to claim negligence on the owner’s part.

Safety equipment

Fire extinguishers, EPIRBs and similar safety equipment or need to be in-date. The vessel must comply with regulations such as number of lifejackets carried or a requirement for a life raft.

Overseas deliveries

This requires addition consideration involving:

- Copies of the vessel’s registration documents, evidence of ownership, copy of the registered owner’s ID, proof of insurance and, if relevant, proof of tax registration
- Departure port processes and notice to the intended entry port
- A plan for the temporary stay or importation of the vessel
- The vessel must be free from biohazards, firearms and illicit drugs

- Arrangements in advance must be made if there are goods that will be imported
- Department of Agriculture, port clearance and other fees may apply